



CALERA

2017 Mt. Harlan Pinot Noir *de Villiers Vineyard*

Calera's Mt. Harlan Vineyards are located in the Gavilan Mountains 25 miles east of the Monterey Bay. The site was chosen for its limestone soils and ideal climate. At an average elevation of 2,200 feet it is among the highest and coolest vineyard sites in California.

In the Vineyards

A wet winter, with more than double our average annual rainfall, made for very happy vineyards in 2017. While budbreak arrived slightly later than usual, warm spring weather led to excellent fruit sets at our Mt. Harlan vineyards, with above-average yields for both Pinot Noir and our white varieties. Thanks to the abundant early season rains, and Mt. Harlan's high elevation and marine-influenced climate, our estate vineyards weathered a significant Labor Day heat event wonderfully, producing complex and elegant wines, with beautifully balanced acids and sugars.

Comments from the Winemaker

Once again, de Villiers Vineyard has yielded one of Mt. Harlan's most luxurious and robust Pinot Noirs, with deep, penetrating flavors of ripe plum, black cherry and cassis. As it unfurls, the wine reveals beautiful underlying complexity, with fine-grained tannins and hints of white pepper, saffras and cigar box lingering on the finish.

Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Information

Appellation: Mt. Harlan

Harvest Dates: September 5 – 26

Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.5° Brix

Cooperage

100% French oak

Barrel Aging: 17 months

30% new, 20% second vintage, 50% neutral

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.6%

0.67 g/100 ml titratable acidity

14 days fermentation at 60°F, 90°F, 60°F

pH: 3.49

