



# CALERA

## **2017 Mt. Harlan Pinot Noir *Jensen 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**

At more than 40 years old, the coveted old vines of Jensen Vineyard have produced a wine that impeccably balances elegance and complexity with depth and gravitas. Enticing aromas of blackberry, orange peel and spearmint hover above the glass. On the palate, layers of cherry and sassafras mingle with the dark berry flavors, while silky tannins and excellent natural acidity carry the wine to lush, vibrant conclusion.

### **Varietal Content**

100% Pinot Noir

### **Harvest Information**

Appellation: Mt. Harlan

Harvest Dates: September 27 – October 16

Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.7° Brix

### **Cooperage**

100% French oak

Barrel Aging: 17 months

30% new, 20% second vintage

### **Production and Technical Data**

Alcohol: 14.5%

0.65 g/100 ml titratable acidity

pH: 3.53

