



# CALERA

## 2018 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.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The quality of the 2018 growing season on Mt. Harlan was fantastic. After warm early spring weather led to an early budbreak, the temperatures cooled in late-spring, followed by sunny days with moderate temperatures throughout the summer. This provided us with long hangtimes, which resulted in exceptional ripeness, while preserving excellent natural acidity in the grapes. The one negative was that the cool early weather during bloom caused a bit of shatter and reduced yields. While the crops were small, the quality was outstanding, producing beautifully complex wines, with lovely structure, and pure, varietal flavors.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2018 vintage continues de Villiers' tradition of producing one of the most luxurious and dark-fruited expressions of Pinot Noir from Mt. Harlan. On the nose, dramatic aromas of black cherry, briary blackberry and sarsaparilla immediately command attention. The dark berry flavors continue on the palate, where they are supported by firm, age-worthy tannins that frame the fruit and carry the wine to a long, lush cherry and spice finish.

### WINEMAKING

APPELLATION Mt. Harlan

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir

OAK PROFILE & AGING Aged 18 months with 30% new French oak

ALCOHOL 14.3%

PH 3.65

ACIDITY 0.62 g/100 ml

CLONES Calera

SOILS Limestone

FERMENTATION Whole cluster fermented with native yeast

