

2018 MT. HARLAN PINOT NOIR RYAN 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

At 20 years of age, the beautifully mature vines of Ryan Vineyard have produced a stunning wine with enticing aromas of red cherry, dried herbs and fresh-cracked pepper. On the palate, layers of blackberry, strawberry and sage emerge, framed by firm, grippy tannins and a lively undercurrent of acidity that carries the age-worthy wine to a lush, lingering finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Mt. Harlan
VINEYARD	Ryan Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 18 months in French oak, 30% new
ALCOHOL	14.7%
PH	3.72
ACIDITY	0.58 g/100 ml
ROOTSTOCK	1103 P, 110 R, 5c
CLONES	Calera
SOILS	Limestone
FERMENTATION	Whole cluster fermented with native yeast



