

## 2020 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

After a cool winter, the 2020 growing season began with spring rains that replenished our soils on Mt. Harlan and set the stage for an excellent vintage. After a late-March budbreak, we enjoyed temperate, sunny days and cool nights throughout spring and summer, allowing the grapes to slowly ripen, while preserving the bright natural acids that we prize. With no significant heat events, the 2020 vintage produced age-worthy wines with enticing aromatics, lovely freshness and purity, and beautifully delineated varietal flavors.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

Once again, de Villiers has produced one of the most luxurious and dark-fruited expressions of Pinot Noir from Mt. Harlan. On the nose, aromas of candied blackberry, ripe strawberry and black cherry mingle with hints of white pepper and spice. The palate is smooth and lush, with velvety tannins and dramatic flavors of robust blackberry, cedar and sassafras driving to a long, impeccably balanced finish.

## WINEMAKING

APPELLATION Mt. Harlan

VINEYARD de Villiers Vineyard

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir

OAK PROFILE & AGING Aged 18 months in 100% French oak

30% new, 70% neutral

ALCOHOL 14.5%

PH 3.67

ACIDITY 0.61 g/100 ml

ROOTSTOCK Blend, primarily 1103 P

CLONES Calera Selection

SOILS Limestone

FERMENTATION 100% whole cluster open top with indigenous yeast

