

CALERA

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Calera is one of California's most enduring expressions of place through 50 years of global critic acclaim and the sought-after wines of Mt. Harlan — a singular, benchmark monopole AVA on California's Central Coast known for its famed Pinot Noir grown in rare limestone soils.

2023 CHARDONNAY MT. HARLAN

Calera's Mt. Harlan Vineyards sit in the Gabilan Mountains, 25 miles east of Monterey Bay. Chosen for their limestone soils and ideal climate, these vineyards average 2,200 feet in elevation, making them among California's highest and coolest. They are the only vineyards within the Mt. Harlan AVA and have been CCOF-certified organic since 2008, reflecting Calera's longstanding commitment to thoughtful farming and stewardship of this unique mountain site.

VINTAGE NOTES

With more than 43 inches of rain, 2023 was the wettest year on record since the planting of Mt. Harlan. Not only did the rains last into the spring, delaying budbreak, but due to moderate spring and summer temperatures, we did not achieve full verasion until early September. While the season was quite late, great weather in late September and October helped the vines to achieve excellent ripeness. Harvest was very condensed, starting on October 9th and concluding on October 26th, yielding pristine clusters and bold flavors. The resulting wines are beautifully balanced and poised while also displaying remarkable terroir-driven intensity.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Grown high on the limestone-rich soils of Mt. Harlan, this beautifully aromatic wine displays expressive aromas of Asian pear and lemon zest that rise from the glass. The palate reveals Meyer lemon, chalky minerality, and delicate brioche notes, carried by vibrant acidity and a crisp finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION

Mt. Harlan

ALCOHOL

14.5%

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

PH

3.32

OAK PROFILE & AGING

Aged 15 months in French oak 30% new, 70% neutral

ACIDITY

0.6 g/100 ml

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION

100% ML complete

PRESS

94 POINTS
vinous

93 POINTS
Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE



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