

Calera Mt. Harlan Pinot Noir Ryan Vineyard

COUNTRY REGION GRAPE VINTAGE

United States California 100% Pinot Noir 2018

ABOUT THE DOMAINE

Calera is one of California's greatest pioneer producers. Founded in 1974 by Josh Jensen, who took his cue from the great domaines of Burgundy in his quest for the perfect terroir, Calera quickly established a stellar record for producing wonderful Pinot Noir in the Gavilan Mountains west of Chalone in what is now known as the Mt. Harlan AVA. Certified organic, the 31-hectare estate is located at high elevations (2200 feet above sea level on average). Over the past four decades, Jensen and his team have acquired a reputation for their consistently excellent, internationally recognised wines.

WINEMAKING

Calera's Mt. Harlan Vineyards are located in the Gabilan 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. Whole cluster fermentation with native yeast. This wine has been aged for 18 months in 100% French oak, 30% new.



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.



TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol by volume 14.7%

> Acidity 0.58g/100ml

> > **pH** 3.72

Vegetarian