

Calera Mt. Harlan Viognier

COUNTRY

United States

REGION

California

GRAPE

100% Viognier

VINTAGE

2017

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 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. To underscore the enticing complexity of this cool-climate Viognier, this wine has been barrel aged for 14 months in 20% stainless drums, 20% concrete, and 60% neutral French oak barrels. This wine has been fermented for 395 days at 60°F and has completed 100% malolactic fermentation.

TASTING NOTES

Alluring aromas of honeysuckle, white peach and citrus are echoed on the palate, where they mingle with luxurious notes of lemon meringue and jasmine that glide to a bright, zesty finish.



TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol by volume
14.1%

Acidity
0.59g/100ml

pH
3.35

Vegan