

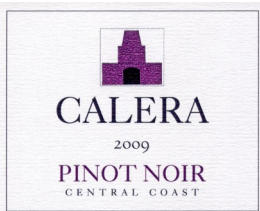
CALERA WINE COMPANY

Mt. Harlan,
California

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Josh Jensen at his Mt.
Harlan estate



"Calera" is Spanish for "limekiln." On the property is a recently restored 30 foot tall masonry calera, the symbol and logo of Calera Wine Company.



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Central Coast
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OVERVIEW

A native Californian who grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, Josh Jensen started the Calera Wine Company in Hollister in the mid 1970s after studying winemaking in Burgundy, France. Calera has since grown to include four single vineyard Pinot Noir sites as well as Viognier and Chardonnay grapes planted in his Mt. Harlan vineyard.

His wines have been well received by wine critics both in America and abroad. Most recently, Jensen was named 2007's "Winemaker of the Year" by the San Francisco Chronicle and "Artisan Winery of the Year" by Wine & Spirits magazine in 2008, 2009, and 2011.

Calera's certified organic 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.

Varieties: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Viognier, Aligoté

Total Acreage: 84 acres

Average Production: 30,000 cases

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- certified organic vineyards (Mt. Harlan estate) planted on limestone
- multi-level (7 tier), gravity-flow winery built into the side of a mountain allows wines to be moved in the gentlest possible way, by the natural force of gravity
- use of native yeasts, whole cluster fermentations and minimal racking

WINES

Viognier Central Coast

Bright flavors of peach, nectarine, honeysuckle and apple blossoms surround a soft, round mouthful of flavor with a vibrant mouthwatering finish.

Chardonnay Central Coast

Rich, smooth, flavorful and mouth filling while retaining a dancing lightness on the mouth. Soft hints of spicy oak, ripe apricot and Meyer lemon zest add personality to the long lingering finish.

Chardonnay Mt. Harlan

A statuesque wine; elegant, savory and velvety, with its gentle, creamy texture yet pronounced structure, hinting towards this vineyard's astounding aging potential.

Pinot Noir Central Coast

Seven different vineyard sources combine to create lively flavors of cranberry, French prune, briar and expressive red plum with a soft underpinning of oak. Deep flavors, firm tannins, wonderful fruit and a nice tartness make for a rich, lingering finish.

Vin Gris of Pinot Noir Central Coast

Wonderful, deep rosé color and a fragrant, spicy bouquet of strawberry and raspberry with a kiss of jasmine. Flavors of pomegranate and cranberry are vibrant, bright and bold with good body and depth making a wine that is delicious and fun, with a surprisingly long and pleasing finish.

Pinot Noir Ryan Vineyard

From one of the property's coolest sites, aged 17 months in French oak (30% new), it expresses very nice balance, excellent structure, good grip and a graceful mouthfeel combined with deep flavors.

ACCOLADES

"Calera is one of the most compelling Pinot Noir specialists of not only the New World, but of Planet Earth... The vineyards are planted on pure limestone at 2000 feet or higher, making Calera one of the few California vineyards to have soils similar to Burgundy's Côte d'Or." – Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*

