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Calera

The Calera Central Coast Pinot Noir is an alluring and complex expression of California's Central Coast. With vibrant fruit, soft tannins, and a subtle spice, this wine delivers a silky, nuanced experience that showcases the region's potential for producing world-class Pinot Noir.

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Central Coast Pinot Noir 2021

California, USA



Region and Vineyards

The **Central Coast** of California is a renowned wine-growing region known for its ideal climate and diverse terroir. Calera's vineyards are located in the **Gavilan Mountains**, where cool maritime influences and limestone-rich soils create perfect conditions for growing Pinot Noir. Since **Josh Jensen** founded Calera in **1975**, this area has become one of the New World's most exciting regions for Pinot Noir.

The **growing season** was marked by below-average rainfall in the winter, followed by moderate spring temperatures that resulted in varied budbreak across the region. The temperate weather continued into the early summer, providing ample hangtime for the grapes. This long growing season culminated in one of the latest harvests on record for the Central Coast, leading to wines with **excellent balance**, lively acidity, and **sophisticated flavors**.

Winemaking

The **Calera Central Coast Pinot Noir** is made from **100% Pinot Noir** grapes sourced from some of the finest vineyards in the region. The wine was aged for **10 months in French oak barrels**, with 10% new oak to add complexity and 90% neutral oak to preserve the purity of the fruit. This careful aging process helped to enhance the wine's structure and complexity without overpowering its delicate fruit and spice notes.

The winemaking team aimed to preserve the varietal's vibrant character while delivering a balanced wine with supple tannins and a long finish. The result is a beautifully textured Pinot Noir that showcases the elegance and potential of the Central Coast.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Bright ruby red with clarity and brilliance.
- **Aroma**: The nose opens with inviting aromas of **raspberry**, **dark cherry**, and **dried sage**, with a touch of **sweet tobacco leaf** adding complexity.
- **Palate**: On the palate, soft and supple tannins frame flavors of **wild strawberry** and **Bing cherry**, with hints of **cracked black pepper** and **spice** emerging on the long, satisfying finish. The wine's vibrant acidity adds freshness and energy, making each sip compelling and balanced.

Did you know?

Calera's name means "lime kiln" in Spanish, a nod to the **limestone-rich soils** found in the Gavilan Mountains. Founder **Josh Jensen** was inspired by the limestone soils of Burgundy, and he selected this site specifically for its ability to produce elegant and structured wines, especially Pinot Noir, that can stand alongside the world's best.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Herb-Crusted Lamb**: The soft tannins and earthy spice of the Pinot Noir complement the herbaceous flavors of the lamb, while the wine's acidity cuts through the richness of the meat.
- **Mushroom Risotto**: The earthy notes in the wine pair perfectly with the savory, umami flavors of the mushrooms, while the wine's smooth texture enhances the creaminess of the risotto.
- **Duck Breast with Cherry Reduction**: The wine's cherry and spice notes echo the flavors of the dish, creating a harmonious pairing that highlights both the wine and the duck.
- **Aged Gouda**: The rich, nutty flavors of the cheese are balanced by the wine's fruit-forward profile and vibrant acidity, making for a delightful pairing.



Wines & Spirits (W&S) : 91 Points (2021)

This is savory and flavorful, with scents of plum cake, a hint of smoky bacon and leather. It's delivered with a juicy freshness, with a lean finish for a plate of carbonara.



Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 91 Points (2021)

*A great taste of this iconic estate without breaking the bank, this bottling is light in the glass with aromas of dried cherry, scorched earth and chaparral spice. The palate combines cranberry sauce and toasted sagebrush with an ample tannin profile. *

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Wine Spectator (WS) : 90 Points (2021)

Bright and fresh, with crisp lines to the mix of red and black cherry fruit, backed by light chalk and savory threads on the pure finish. Modest in scale but precise. Drink now through 2028. 25,500 cases made.

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