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Calera

Sourced from the historic Jensen Vineyard on Mt. Harlan, the Calera Pinot Noir is a wine of immense purity and freshness. It displays beautifully delineated flavors, combining red fruit with darker berries and a touch of spice, culminating in an unforgettable finish.

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Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Jensen Vineyard Pinot Noir 2022

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The **Jensen Vineyard**, located in the **Mt. Harlan** mountains at an average altitude of **670 meters** (2,200 feet), is one of California's coolest and highest vineyard sites. Just 40 kilometers from Monterey Bay, this vineyard benefits from a cool climate, ideal for growing Pinot Noir. The soils are rich in **limestone**, which adds a subtle minerality and contributes to the elegant character of the wines produced here.

This **vintage** began with spring rains that replenished the soils of Mt. Harlan, setting the stage for an exceptional harvest. Budbreak occurred in late March, and the growing season enjoyed sunny days and cool nights, allowing the grapes to ripen slowly and preserving the **natural acidity** that is highly prized in this wine. The result is a wine with incredible freshness, purity, and precise varietal flavors.

Winemaking

The **Jensen Vineyard Pinot Noir** is made from **100% Pinot Noir** grapes, vinified using traditional techniques. The grapes were **fermented with 100% whole clusters** in open-top fermenters with **indigenous yeast**. The wine was then aged for **18 months in French oak barrels**, 30% of which were new and 70% neutral, ensuring a balanced oak influence that enhances the wine's complexity without overwhelming its bright fruit profile.

This careful aging process allowed the wine to develop its rich texture and depth, while maintaining the elegance and finesse characteristic of the old vines, which are over **40 years old**.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby with brilliant highlights.
- **Aroma**: A complex and expressive bouquet of **wild strawberry**, **rhubarb**, **pomegranate**, and **black cherry**, with hints of **earth** and **cocoa** adding depth.
- **Palate**: On the palate, the flavors deepen, with notes of **blueberry**, **juicy blackberry**, and a touch of **chocolate**. The vibrant acidity provides freshness and energy, while the finish is long and dramatic, leaving a lingering impression of dark fruit and spice.

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Did you know?

The **Jensen Vineyard** is one of Calera's oldest vineyards, planted by the visionary founder **Josh Jensen** in 1975. Named in honor of his father, this vineyard is renowned for producing some of California's most elegant and complex **Pinot Noirs**, thanks to its old vines rooted in the unique limestone soils of Mt. Harlan.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roast Duck with Cherries**: The deep fruit flavors of the Pinot Noir complement the richness of the duck, while the wine's acidity balances the sweetness of the cherries.
- **Beef Tenderloin with Wild Mushrooms**: The silky texture and earthy notes of the wine pair beautifully with the mushrooms, while the wine's tannins match the tenderness of the beef.
- **Soft-Ripened Cheese**: The black fruit and cocoa notes in the wine pair deliciously with creamy soft cheese, creating a refined and balanced pairing.
- **Truffle Risotto**: The richness of the risotto and the unique aroma of truffle find balance with the depth and minerality of the Pinot Noir, making for an elegant and indulgent pairing.

97 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 97 Points (2020)

A more tannin-driven pinot with dried strawberry and lemongrass character. Medium-bodied with firm tannins and a fresh and vivid finish.

94 Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator (WS) : 94 Points (2020)

Shows nice contrast, with a fairly broad black cherry and mulberry fruit core, which is eventually harnessed through the finish by racy red tea and mineral notes. Offers generous lively, savory chaparral notes that dart around, lending a mouthwatering edge. Delivering lovely range and character, this should develop nicely in the cellar. Best from 2025 through 2035. 1,000 cases made.

92 WineEnthusiast

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 92 Points (2020)

Ripe and heavily extracted on the nose, this bottling offers dried plum, wild juniper and strong leather aromas on the nose. The palate is packed with wild chaparral herb flavors that enliven the baked red fruit and spicy leather flavors.

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