

# 2016 CALERA MT. HARLAN PINOT NOIR *DE VILLIERS VINEYARD*

*"...one of the most compelling Pinot Noir specialists of not only the New World, but of Planet Earth." - Robert Parker*



**Composition:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Market Trends/Opportunity:** Pinot Noir  
\$25+ SRP category is +23% vs. PY.

**Winemaker:** Mike Waller

**Availability:** Limited

**Appellation:** Mt. Harlan | San Benito County

**SRP:** \$65

**Winemaking & Sourcing:** Planted in 1997, and located at an elevation of 2,200 feet, De Villiers Vineyard is 15.6-acres. Vintage after vintage, this organically certified vineyard produces a vibrant and juicy expression of Pinot Noir with a lush and supple mouthfeel. The wine was aged without racking in 100% French oak, 30% new oak, 20% second vintage and 50% neutral oak for 17 months.

**Tasting Notes:** Vintage after vintage, De Villiers yields one of Calera's most voluptuous and dark-fruited expressions of Pinot Noir, and the 2015 is no exception! Aromas of brambly blackberry, cocoa and chamomile hint at this wine's explosive depth. On the palate, a lush, mouth-filling texture and age-worthy tannins frame gorgeous layers of black cherry and silky red currant that resonate on the long finish.

**Key Accolades:** v15 96 Pts. *The Tasting Panel*. v15 94 Pts. *Wine Enthusiast*. v13 94 Pts., *Robert Parker*. v13 92 Pts., *Wine Enthusiast*. v13 91 Pts., *Wine Spectator*. v12 95 Pts., *Robert Parker*.

**Recommended Pairings:** Duck Breast with Pomegranate Glaze, Fennel-Garlic Pork Roast, Smoky Glazed Ham, Stir-Fried Five-Spice Pork Lettuce Cups

**UPC:** 745067 07004 6

**Marquee Accounts:** TBD

**SCC/Case Code:** 40745067070044

**TTB Approval:** 18082-001-000466

**Alcohol:** 13.95%

**Formats Available:** 750ml