CALERA

ESTABLISHED 1975

2022 CENTRAL COAST PINOT NOIR

In 1975, legendary vintner and pioneer Josh Jensen founded Calera (Spanish for "lime kiln") high in the Gavilan Mountains of California's majestic Central Coast. In the four decades since, Calera has helped establish the Central Coast as one of the New World's most exciting wine regions, while earning acclaim as one of California's iconic wineries. Crafted using grapes from a handful of the finest vineyards on the Central Coast, this alluring wine offers enticing aromatics, soft, velvety tannins and vibrant fruit and spice. This Pinot Noir is nuanced and complex with a long, lush finish, making it a benchmark for the region.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 growing season on the Central Coast began with below-average rainfall and moderate spring temperatures that led to a normal period of budbreak and bloom in the vineyards. While we saw a normal ripening progression of the grapes throughout the summer months, because the Central Coast is vast (spanning from Santa Barbara in the south to San Francisco in the north), the impact of a heat event near Labor Day affected each region differently. In San Benito and Monterey County ripeness increased quickly, spurring us to start harvest just after Labor Day, whereas in the other regions we work, the heat spike was just what we needed to speed up ripening. Harvest drew to a close in late September—one of our earliest finishes ever—yielding wines notable for richness, complexity and vibrant acid.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This beautifully vibrant Pinot Noir draws you in with alluring aromas of ripe blackberry, cedar and nutmeg. On the supple and energetic palate, flavors of black cherry, cola and vanilla glide across silky tannins to a long, focused finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Central Coast
SUB-APPELLATIONS	San Benito County, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Monterey County
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged for 10 months in 100% French oak 10% new, 90% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.71
ACIDITY	0.59 g/100 ml