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2007 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay

The generic 2007 Chardonnay Edna Valley is light gold-colored, with an attractive nose of caramelized tropical fruits, nectarine, hazelnut, and subtle spice and oak. This medium-bodied wine displays good fruit, freshness, and a certain delicacy and finesse. Drink it over the next several years. The production of each of the three single-vineyard Chardonnays is approximately 600 to 700 cases. **88 Points**

2007 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay Oliver's Vineyard

The beautiful nose of the 2007 Chardonnay Oliver's Vineyard reminds one of walking through a garden of honeysuckle intermixed with tropical fruit blossoms and poached pears. It is rich, full-bodied, but at the same time retains a certain elegance and steely acidity, giving uplift to the wine's personality. A brilliant example of finesse combined with power, drink this authoritative wine over the next 3-4 years. **92 Points**

2007 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay Estate Rosemary's Vineyard

The 2007 Chardonnay Rosemary's Vineyard has a similar light gold color and a distinct smell of crushed rocks intermixed with white flowers as well as restrained nectarine and orange blossom. Much more expressive in the mouth than the tight aromatics suggest, this brilliant wine builds incrementally and authoritatively on the palate, with beautiful purity, fruit, and structure. Talley's house style of richness, restraint, and power combined with elegance is beautifully displayed in this full-bodied example of Chardonnay. Drink it over the next 5-6 years. **94+ Points**

2007 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay Rincon Vineyard

The 2007 Chardonnay Rincon Vineyard is slightly less powerful than the Rosemary's, has a shade deeper medium straw color and loads of nectarine, orange blossom, and honey, as well as a hint of caramel in the aromatics. Like all of these Chardonnays, the aromas are intensely perfumed, adding another factor in the wine's seductive appeal. Rich and intense, perhaps even possessing the strongest inner core of depth and richness, this is a beautiful Chardonnay from the Talley family. While there is something unabashedly Californian about it, tasting it ultimately makes one think of white Burgundy. Drink it over the next 4-5 years. **95 Points**

2007 Talley Vineyards Pinot Noir

The 2007 Pinot Noir Edna Valley has to be one of the strongest Edna Valley Pinot Noirs that Talley has ever made. An authoritative nose of rose petal and other floral notes intermixed with boysenberry, black cherry, spice box, and forest floor notes is classic Pinot Noir at its best. With no hard edges, this wine displays wonderfully silky tannins, medium to full-bodied flavors, plenty of personality, and beautifully pure fruit. This is an outstanding Pinot Noir to drink over the next 5-8 years, possibly longer where pristinely stored. **91 Points**

2007 Talley Vineyards Pinot Noir Stone Corral

The most limited single-vineyard Pinot Noir is the 2007 Stone Corral. Sweet black cherry and black raspberry fruit intermixed with some subtle new oak and earth emerge from this dark ruby/purple-tinged wine. The most fruit driven of the single-vineyard reds, and slightly more concentrated— or is it just that the fruit is so much more present? — this Pinot displays the same forest floor complexity intermixed with all the red and blue fruits, seems fuller-bodied and just has something about it that is more seductive and complex. I hesitate to recommend it so highly, given the fact that it's the most limited in availability of the single-vineyards, but the fruit quality in this wine is just beautiful. Tasting it professionally, it was hard not to keep going back for a second and third glass, just to see how it developed. It should drink well for up to a decade as well. **96 Points**

2007 Talley Vineyards Pinot Noir Rosemary's Vineyard

The 2007 Pinot Noir Rosemary's Vineyard is outrageously delicious Pinot Noir. A complex nose of blue and red fruits, spring flowers, and some background graphite and earth is followed by a full-bodied wine that combines Talley's signature elegance and complexity with intense flavors. Nothing is out of balance, and the exceptional purity and integrity of the fruit and its near-seamless structure are something to behold. Drink this beauty over the next decade. **95+ Points**

2007 Talley Vineyards Pinot Noir Rincon Vineyard

The 2007 Pinot Noir Rincon Vineyard has a color similar to the Rosemary's. Dense ruby/purple-tinged, with a slightly more herbal, earthy nose, the underbrush notes are more obvious than in the Rosemary's. Some new oak is also more apparent in this wine. In the mouth, it turns on its charm in a convincing manner. Wonderfully broad, expansive, sweet raspberry and black cherry fruit cascade over the palate, with no hard edges. Rich, full-bodied, and somewhat of an anomaly in that the flavors seem more evolved than the aromatics, this is another gorgeous Pinot Noir from the Talley Family that should drink nicely for up to a decade. **95 Points**
