



2016 Estate Pinot Noir Arroyo Grande Valley



The 2016 growing season was one of the very best in the 30 year history of Talley Vineyards. After four years of severe drought, El Niño conditions brought the most rainfall to the region since 2011. After a cool and windy spring, temperatures throughout the season were moderate, especially during the critical summer months when veraison and ripening occurred. The absence of severe heat for any extended period during the harvest season meant that the grapes were harvested at a moderate pace at optimal ripeness. Yields in the vineyard were consistent with five year averages and the resulting wines reflect the concentration, balance and elegance that is the hallmark of the confluence of a perfect growing season and a wine growing approach committed to capturing all the potential of the San Luis Obispo Coast region.

- ◆ Produced entirely from estate grown Pinot Noir grapes from the Arroyo Grande Valley
- ◆ 65% Rincon Vineyard and 35% Rosemary's Vineyard
- ◆ Hand-harvested August 15 - September 13, 2016
- ◆ 3 - 5 day cold soak, fermented with native yeast in 1.5 ton fermenters
- ◆ Aged 18 months in French oak barrels, 28% new
- ◆ Bottled in February 2018 without filtration
- ◆ 13.6% alcohol

The signature red wine of Talley Vineyards, the Estate Pinot Noir has been bottled since the inaugural 1986 vintage and represents a pure expression of the Arroyo Grande Valley appellation. It was the first Pinot Noir produced in Coastal San Luis Obispo County to demonstrate the potential of the area as a world class Pinot Noir winegrowing region.

The 2016 vintage of Estate Pinot Noir is crimson purple in hue and expressive of the distinctive character of the Arroyo Grande Valley which produces structured Pinot Noir with strong mineral notes. Aromas of raspberry pie, cherry cola, and rhubarb are complemented by soft sandalwood undertones. The palate offers notes of juicy raspberry, plum, cranberry, and a hint of green tea. Enjoy this Pinot Noir with sweet and spicy duck or mushroom risotto with herbs.