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MAKE ROOM IN THE CELLAR!

"Deep and intense..."

Talley Vineyards

Pinot Noir Arroyo Grande Valley Rincon 2008

Deep ruby color; deep, complex. plum and cherry aromas with savory spice notes; deep, intense, complex dark cherry and earthy flavors; some tannin and toasty oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep, intense Pinot with much time ahead of it. Give it plenty of air time in the glass.

373 cases made \$58 Score: 93

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Deep ruby color; complex, deep plum and cherry aromas with some herbal and anise notes; rich, ripe, deep plum and cherry flavors with herbal/anise notes; moderate tannin and oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Complex, well structured Pinot with some really nice flavors now, but this one really needs some time to develop.

399 cases made \$70 Score: 94

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Medium-deep ruby color; deep, concentrated cherry and plum aromas with some earthy notes; rich, ripe, deep plum and cherry flavors with earthy and toasty oak notes; good structure and balance; long finish. Ripe and deep, this is a forward Pinot full of flavors.

1,854 cases made \$36 Score: 91

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Medium-deep ruby color; deep, rich berry/cherry aromas with some earthy, cola notes; rich, ripe berry and cherry flavors with earthy and herbal notes; silky and lush mouthfeel; good structure and balance; long finish. Lush and silky Pinot with very nice depth

180 cases made \$50 Score: 93

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366 cases made \$32 Score: 91

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