



California Grapevine

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PINOT NOIR New Releases

92 Points. 7th Place. 2009 Talley Vineyards, “Rosemary’s Vineyard,” Arroyo Grande Valley (\$70)

– Medium ruby; attractive, intense, smoky, cranberry and cherry fruit aroma with hints of mushrooms and forest floor; medium-full to full body; big, concentrated, textured, firmly structured, black cherry and dark berry fruit flavors; medium-full tannin with some grip on the finish; lingering aftertaste. Deserves several more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *14.2% alcohol; 376 cases; 100% PN; released September 2011.* (Group Score: 16.4, 1/0/1; My Score: 17 [92/100], seventh place)

89 Points. 10th Place. 2009 Talley Vineyards, “Stone Corral Vineyard,” Edna Valley (\$50)

– Medium ruby; attractive, forward, big, earthy, intense, ripe black cherry fruit aroma; medium-full to full body; rich, earthy, concentrated, plummy, ripe black cherry fruit flavors; medium-full tannin; a bit rough on the finish; lingering aftertaste. Opened and developed with airing in the glass. Highly recommended. *14.6% alcohol; 210 cases; 100% PN; released September 2011.* (Group Score: 16.1, 0/1/1; My Score: 16.5 [89/100], tenth place)

PINOT NOIR More New Releases

91 Points. 2009 Talley Vineyards, “Rincon Vineyard,” Arroyo Grande Valley (\$58)

– Medium ruby; attractive, forward, intense, complex, ripe black cherry fruit aroma with notes of clove and cola; medium-full to full body; rich, deep, textured, cedary, dark berry fruit flavors that are nicely balanced and firmly structured; medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very approachable now though also shows good aging potential. Very highly recommended. *14.5% alcohol; 379 cases; 100% PN; released September 2011.* (Group Score: 16.4, 1/2/0; My Score: 17 [91/100], fourth place)
