



California Grapevine

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PINOT NOIR New Releases

91 Points. 6th Place. 2010 Talley Vineyards, “Rosemary’s Vineyard,” Arroyo Grande Valley (\$70)

Medium ruby; attractive, forward, intense, spicy, earthy, raspberry and ripe black cherry fruit aroma with herbal notes and hints of rose petal and mocha; medium to medium-full body; rich, fleshy, black cherry fruit flavors with firm acidity; medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. A bit closed-in at present, this well structured wine should continue to develop with a few more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *14.0% alcohol; 395 cases; 100% PN; released September 2012.* (Group Score: 16.0, 0/0/0; My Score: 17 [91/100], sixth place)

90 Points. 10th Place. 2010 Talley Vineyards, “Stone Corral Vineyard,” Edna Valley (\$50)

– Medium ruby; herbal, spicy, smoky, dark plum and black fruit aroma with notes of toasty oak; medium to medium-full body; rich, textured, cedary, black cherry and blackberry fruit flavors; medium to medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very highly recommended. *14.0% alcohol; 210 cases; 100% PN; released September 2012.* (Group Score: 16.1, 0/1/1; My Score: 17 [90/100], tenth place)

PINOT NOIR More New Releases

90 Points. 2010 Talley Vineyards, “Rincon Vineyard,” Arroyo Grande Valley (\$58)

– Medium-light to medium ruby; attractive, cranberry and red cherry fruit aroma with hints of clove and minerals; medium to medium-full body; rich, textured, earthy, cherry fruit flavors with firm acidity and a velvety mouthfeel; medium to medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Appealing to taste now, though deserving a few more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. *14.6% alcohol; 450 cases; 100% PN; released September 2012.* (Group Score: 16.4, 0/1/1; My Score: 17 [90/100], ninth place)
