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2012 Talley Vineyards Stone Corral Vineyard Pinot Noir, Edna Valley - 94 Points

Aromas of a raspberry torte with flaky crust mix with cardamom and marjoram spices on another compelling wine from the region's historic producer. Tart cranberries kick off the palate, followed by wet slate and graphite minerality in the midpalate that barely hide riper fruits. It culminates in a cola-laced finish.

2012 Talley Vineyards Rincon Vineyard Pinot Noir, Arroyo Grande Valley - 95 Points

This delivers inviting aromas of a cherry pie with buttery crust that's made more serious with pencil-lead minerality and a slightly sanguine touch. Flavors are ripe yet restrained. Raspberry, pomegranate and cranberry fruit lead to burnt orange, singed lemon, rose petals and violet, finishing on lingering Bing cherries with just enough tannins and tartness.

2012 Talley Vineyards Rosemary's Vineyard Pinot Noir, Arroyo Grande Valley - 93 Points

Bing cherry fruit and scarlet rose petals join with Red Hot cinnamon candies on the nose of this producer's upper-tier release. Though ripe red cherries, pomegranate and more red fruit open up around a core of brown spice, the tannins are still wound tight, and will unfurl gracefully into mushrooms, tanned leather and game from 2017 to 2024.
