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**2015 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay, Edna Valley - 90 Points**

The 2015 Chardonnay Edna Valley reveals more intensity, with tropical notes of pineapple, exotic flowers and buttered lemon peel. Fresh, elegant and lively on the palate, with juicy acidity, it's another terrific value from this estate.

**2015 Monte Sereno Vineyard Chardonnay, Arroyo Grande Valley - 90 Points**

Spice, salty minerality, and buttered citrus notes all emerge from the 2015 Chardonnay Monte Sereno Vineyard, and this beauty is juicy and clean on the palate, with vibrant acidity. I love its length, it has a kiss of toasty oak, and is a classic, well-made white that's reasonably priced. This cuvée was barrel fermented and spent 17 months in 50% once-used barrels.

**2015 Oliver's Vineyard Chardonnay, Edna Valley - 90 Points**

The 2015 Chardonnay Oliver's Vineyard is a softer, supple Chardonnay that has notes of pineapple, peach and lemon peel in its nicely textured, concentrated style. With plenty of fruit, moderate acidity, good density and a clean finish, drink it over the coming 4-6 years.

**2015 Rincon Vineyard Chardonnay, Arroyo Grande Valley - 94 Points**

The 2015 Chardonnay Rincon Vineyard is a solid step up in this vintage. Brioche, orchard fruits, salty minerality and buttered citrus notes all flow to a beautifully textured, concentrated Chardonnay that has solid acidity and a great finish. The Rincon Vineyard is in the Arroyo Grande Valley and this cuvée spent 17 months in 20% new French oak.

**2015 Rosemary's Vineyard Chardonnay, Arroyo Grande Valley - 94 Points**

Slightly more tropical, with hints of pineapple, white flowers and lemon, as well as more citrus and saltiness developing with air, the 2015 Chardonnay Rosemary's Vineyard is juicy and lively on the palate, with terrific acidity and a clean finish. I have a slight preference for the Rincon Vineyard in this vintage, but these are both beautiful. Like the Rincon Vineyard release, it spent 17 months in 20% new French oak.

**2015 Talley Vineyards Pinot Noir, Edna Valley - 91 Points**

The appellation release is the 2015 Pinot Noir Edna Valley, and it spent 19 months in 31% new French oak. It offers slightly more upfront fruit and jamminess, with bright acidity, medium-bodied richness and terrific notes of blackberries, crushed flowers and underbrush. Both these appellations Pinot Noirs are well worth checking out.

**2015 Talley Vineyards Estate Pinot Noir, Arroyo Grande Valley - 90 Points**

A terrific value, the 2015 Pinot Noir Arroyo Grande Valley comes from the Rincon, Rosemary's and Las Ventanas Vineyards and spent 19 months in 30% new French oak. It offers classic notes of spiced red fruits (strawberries, raspberries), underbrush and spice in its charming, impeccably balanced, silky style. It doesn't have the length or depth of the single vineyards, yet is a classic California Pinot Noir that shines for its typicity and balance.

**2015 Stone Corral Vineyard Pinot Noir, Edna Valley - 91 Points**

The 2015 Pinot Noir Stone Corral Vineyard was brought up in 28% new French oak for 18 months. Its medium ruby color is followed by lively notes of strawberries, violets, mint and spice, all grounded by lots of salty, saline-like characteristics. Elegant, medium-bodied, silky and polished, with fine tannin and moderate acidity, it shows the elegant, nuanced style of the vintage and is already drinking beautifully.

**2015 Rincon Vineyard Pinot Noir, Arroyo Grande Valley - 93 Points**

One of the larger production releases, the 2015 Pinot Noir Rincon Vineyard (18 months in 20% new French oak) offers solid intensity in its framboise, spice, dried flowers and forest floor bouquet. This flows to a medium-bodied, nicely textured and layered Pinot Noir that has solid length and persistence, with sweet tannin.

**2015 Rosemary's Vineyard Pinot Noir, Arroyo Grande Valley - 94 Points**

The 2015 Pinot Noir Rosemary's Vineyard is certainly one of the gems in the vintage. Black cherries, underbrush, crushed violets, ample spice and tons of floral qualities all emerge from this beautifully textured, seamless, silky beauty that has building tannin, impressive mid-palate density, integrated acidity and notable length. Aged 18 months in 35% new French oak, drink it anytime over the coming 10-15 years.