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[2014 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay Estate, Arroyo Grande Valley - 92 Points](#)

Pale gold. A lively, incisive bouquet evokes citrus and orchard fruits and white flowers, and an iodine nuance emerges as the wine opens up. Shows excellent clarity and depth to the fresh orange, pear and candied ginger flavors, which open up steadily with air. Smoothly combines power and vivacity and finishes very long and taut, with resonating mineral and floral notes.

[2014 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay, Edna Valley - 91 Points](#)

Light bright yellow. Pungent aromas of orange zest, honey and iodine carry a subtle floral overtone. Weighty but surprisingly lively, offering juicy, smoke-accented citrus and pit fruit flavors and a touch of sweet butter. Smooth and broad on the sappy, mineral-tinged finish, which features lingering notes of anise and candied citrus fruits.

[2014 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay Monte Sereno Vineyard, Arroyo Grande Valley - 92 Points](#)

Limpid straw. Very fresh and energetic on the nose, displaying zesty lemon pith, green apple and mineral scents, along with suggestions of iodine and jasmine. Racy and sharply focused in the mouth, offering intense Meyer lemon and pear skin flavors that show both depth and vibrancy. The mineral and floral qualities repeat strongly on the very long, sappy finish, which shows a hint of smokiness.

[2014 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay Oliver's Vineyard, Edna Valley - 93 Points](#)

Green-tinged yellow. Potent smoke- and mineral-accented aromas of ripe orange, pear, lemongrass and iodine. Fleshy yet dry and precise, offering energetic citrus and orchard fruit flavors complemented by hints of quinine, tarragon and honeysuckle. Closes with emphatic cut and firm grip, leaving a zesty note of smoky minerals behind. Impressive for its blend of depth and finesse, not to mention its precision.

[2014 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay Rincon Vineyard, Arroyo Grande Valley - 93 Points](#)

Very light gold. Smoke- and mineral-tinged orchard fruit, melon and fennel aromas show impressive clarity and pick up a sexy floral nuance with air. Chewy, energetic and pure, offering palate-staining pear nectar and honeysuckle flavors along with deeper suggestions of honey and vanilla. Reveals an exotic iodine quality on the incisive finish, which clings with outstanding tenacity and resonating florality.

[2014 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay Rosemary's Vineyard, Arroyo Grande Valley - 94 Points](#)

Pale gold. A highly complex bouquet evokes ripe citrus and orchard fruits, iodine, anise and white flowers, and a hint of smoky minerality emerges with air. Densely packed, penetrating and pure, offering palate-staining orange pith, pear skin, ginger and toasted brioche flavors that become livelier and spicier on the back half. Deeply concentrated yet lithe, finishing with impressive energy and very persistent floral and mineral flourishes.



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2014 Talley Vineyards Pinot Noir Estate, Arroyo Grande Valley - 92 Points

Brilliant ruby-red. Highly fragrant, spice-accented aromas of red and dark berry preserves and floral pastilles; a hint of vanilla emerges with air. Expansive raspberry and cherry-cola flavors are energized and lifted by juicy acidity and a late jolt of white pepper. Packs a solid punch but comes off lithe, finishing with excellent focus, well-knit tannins and strong persistence.

2014 Talley Vineyards Pinot Noir, Edna Valley - 91 Points

Bright ruby. Deep-pitched red and dark berry scents show a vaguely medicinal quality and a hint of smoky minerals. Bitter cherry and raspberry flavors show very good vivacity and spread out and turn sweeter with air. Chewy tannins build steadily on a long, sappy finish that leaves notes of cherry pit and candied rose behind.

2014 Talley Vineyards Pinot Noir East Rincon Vineyard, Arroyo Grande Valley - 94 Points

Lurid ruby-red. Deep-pitched black raspberry, cherry and spicecake aromas show excellent clarity and complementary suggestions of cola, mocha and woodsmoke. Sweet, seamless and penetrating, offering concentrated red and dark berry, floral pastille and cola flavors underscored by juicy acidity. Manages to be powerful as well as graceful, closing with superb energy and smooth tannins that build slowly and add framework to the densely packed fruit.

2014 Talley Vineyards Pinot Noir Stone Corral Vineyard, Edna Valley - 93 Points

Vivid ruby-red. A complex, intensely perfumed bouquet evokes fresh red berries, cherry compote, candied flowers and Asian spices, and a mineral topnote gains power with air. Stains the palate with juicy raspberry and cherry-cola flavors that are enlivened by bright minerality and a suggestion of white pepper. Displays a very suave combination of depth and vivacity and finishes on a floral note, with excellent clarity, harmonious tannins and strong persistence. This is the most impressive rendition of this bottling that I've experienced.

2014 Talley Vineyards Pinot Noir Rincon Vineyard, Arroyo Grande Valley - 93 Points

Lurid ruby. Vibrant, mineral-laced red berry and floral pastille scents pick up hints of cola, vanilla and Asian spices with air. Juicy, focused and appealingly sweet, offering sappy raspberry and cherry-cola flavors, along with five-spice powder and rose nuances in the background. Closes impressively long and sweet, displaying resonating red fruit character and silky, harmonious tannins that sneak in late.

2014 Talley Vineyards Pinot Noir Rosemary's Vineyard, Arroyo Grande Valley - 94 Points

Brilliant ruby-red. A drop-dead, highly perfumed bouquet evokes ripe red berries, incense, candied flowers and star anise, accompanied by a smoky mineral overlay. Sweet, animated and precise on the palate, offering intense raspberry, cherry and spicecake flavors given lift and spine by juicy acidity. Powerful yet lithe, displaying outstanding finishing energy and silky, even tannins that build steadily and in harmony with the vibrant fruit.