



WINE ENTHUSIAST

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REVIEWS—December 2013

2011 Oliver's Vineyard Chardonnay—91 Points

This Chardonnay showcases Edna Valley's signature intensely pure varietal flavors, yet the wine-maker's interventions, of oak barrel aging and sur lie influence adding complexity. It's delicious with flavors of lemon curd, pineapples, guavas, nectarines, vanilla and buttered toast.

2011 Rincon Vineyard Chardonnay—90 Points

This bottling combines, as usual, ripe tropical fruits, oak and minerals with excellent acidity to yield a wine that's opulent in the way of a rich Chardonnay, yet balanced and elegant. It's a full-bodied wine whose richness is almost over the top at this point. Give it up to three years of aging to mellow.

2011 Rosemary's Vineyard Chardonnay—93 Points

Rosemary's is often the best of Talley's single-vineyard bottlings and the 2011 vintage proves this, yet again. It dominates in complexity, depth and elegance. The wine is vast in tropical and citrus fruits, apricots, nectarines and peaches, with new oak and sur lie aging playing important supporting roles. Beautiful to drink now, but should develop dried fruit and nut influences over the next six years.
