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2013 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay, Edna Valley - 90 Points

In addition to the fig and yellow apple aromas, there's noticeable tropicality on the nose of this wine, but it tightens around tart Meyer lemon pith and crushed ants. Ripe lemons also power the sharp and pithy palate, which offers a shred of roasted almonds and marzipan.

2013 Talley Vineyards Estate Chardonnay, Arroyo Grande Valley - 90 Points

White peach cooked in browned butter, sea salt and apple slice aromas make for a delicious entry into this bottling from one of the few estate wineries in the appellation. Spiced apple and lemon salt flavors combine for a solid and ever-reliable palate, while a fresh-rain-on-cement accent adds interest and depth.

2013 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay Oliver's Vineyard, Edna Valley - 93 Points

This is a slightly riper approach from the longtime producer, with browned butter, vanilla, honeyed pineapple and a hint of seared marshmallow on the nose. The palate shows ripe brown pears and caramelized apples that carry deep into the finish. It's a balanced take on this style, never over the top.

2013 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay Rincon Vineyard, Arroyo Grande Valley - 91 Points

Lots of dynamics play on the nose of this wine, from chamomile flowers and daffodils to chalk, pink lemonade, cotton candy and tropical fruits. The palate is framed by a tense minerality, seasoned with flavors of lemonade, browned butter and guava.

2013 Talley Vineyards Chardonnay Rosemary's Vineyard, Arroyo Grande Valley - 90 Points

Light in aromas, this wine shows light honeydew, gray slate, wet cement and a hint of butter crisps on the nose. The palate is also delicate, with lime juice that arises on the midpalate and lasts through the finish. Citrus blossom elements add to the bright, light and tight flavors.

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2013 Talley Vineyards Pinot Noir, Edna Valley - 91 Points

The richer of this vintage's appellation blends from this longtime producer, this bottling shows root beer, mint and black cherry on the nose. The flavors are nicely rounded, with earthy sagebrush and tight graphite elements surrounding a line of black raspberry fruit, with the slightest hint of juniper.

