



2012 DOLIN PINOT NOIR, TALLEY 'RINCON' VINEYARD, ARROYO GRANDE VALLEY

This Pinot Noir was grown on Block 11 of the Talley family's 'Rincon' Vineyard, located in the Arroyo Grande Valley AVA. The Talley family has farmed in South San Luis Obispo County for three generations. This 'icon' vineyard of Talley is named after the historic Rincon adobe at the entrance to Talley Vineyards. The Arroyo Grande Valley is located eight miles northeast of the Pacific Ocean and is recognized as one of the most temperate viticultural areas around the globe.



Vineyard Established 1982

Soil Type: shallow calcareous clay and silty loam

Elevation/Slope: 450'

Exposure: Southerly

Rootstock/Clonal Selections: Dijon 667 and 777 on 101-14

Viticulture: SIP Certified, 'Beyond Organic'

Harvest Date: September 24, 2012

Cooperage & Aging: 20 months in Dargaud & Jaegle, Cadus, Francois Freres, and Damy – primarily Allier forests.

Finish: Unfined and Filtered

Bottling Date: May 23, 2014

pH: 3.65, TA: .56 grams/100 ml, ABV: 14.31%

Production: 172 cases

Harvest Notes

The 2012 growing season in the Arroyo Grande Valley presented ideal conditions resulting in a gradual harvest and grapes that achieved phenolic ripeness. A mild and sunny spring resulted in a late bud break, which allowed for ideal fruit set. The exceptional spring weather shifted into warmer mid-summer temperatures, which cooled off in the fall. The long and temperate growing season produced very high quality grapes with balanced flavors.

Winemaking Notes

Following harvest the grapes were de-stemmed and then underwent a five-day cold soak. Fermentation took place in 1.3-ton fermentation tanks with twice-daily punch downs. Following the conclusion of primary fermentation, the wine settled for 36 hours and was pressed clean to medium-toast French oak barrels (30% new) where it completed ML over four plus months and aged for a total of 20 months.

- Kirby Anderson, Winemaker

Tasting Notes

A profoundly perfumed wine, the Talley 'Rincon' Pinot Noir has layers of cherry and cranberry fruit alongside darker notes of blueberry, earth, meat and licorice. Round and voluptuous on the palate, the wine has flavors of black cherry, roasted fig, cardamom and white pepper. The wine is supple and smooth, yet its structured tannin and acidity will couple beautifully with food.