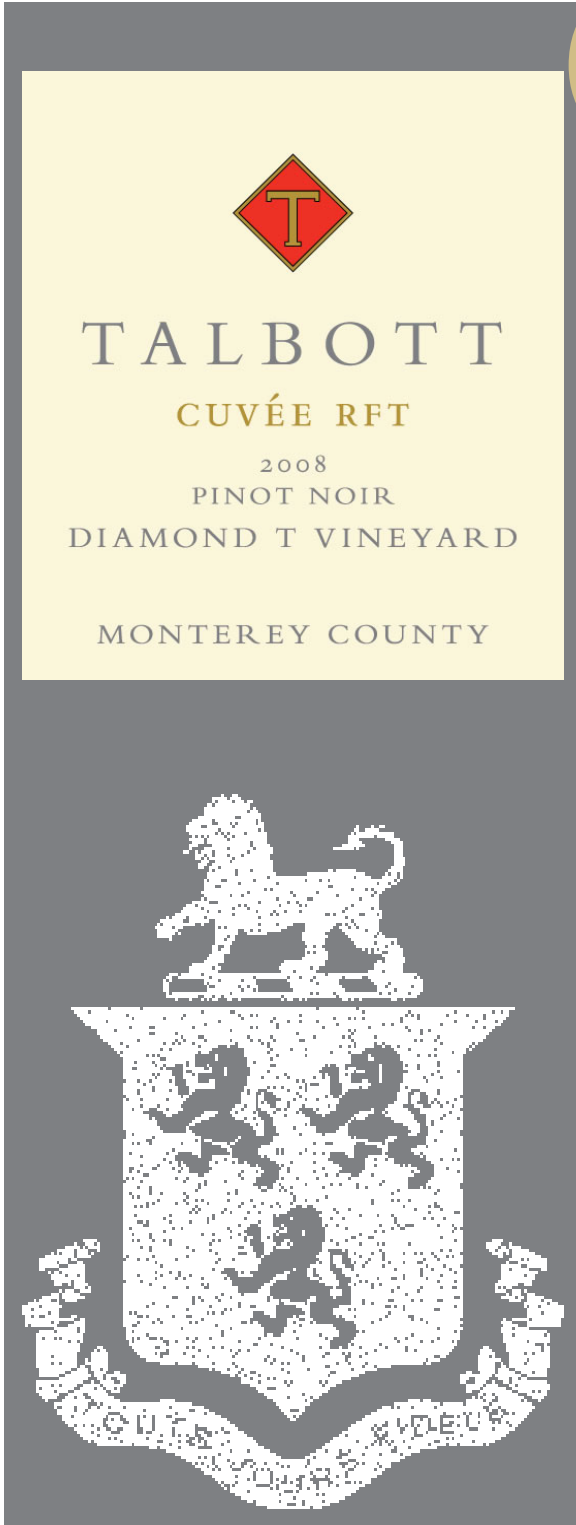




2008 TALBOTT PINOT NOIR  
CUVÉE RFT



Our Talbott Pinot Noir, Cuvée RFT is named in honor of the patriarch of the Talbott family. In 1961, Robert Flook Talbott, Sr. (RFT) purchased the mountaintop land that became Diamond T Vineyard. Planted to select French clones, this cool, high-elevation vineyard consistently produces low yields of concentrated fruit. Cuvée RFT is produced using a selection of Dijon and Pommard clone grapes.

### VINEYARD

Diamond T is a testimony to Robb Talbott's determination to make the finest possible wines regardless of the personal cost or effort involved. This tightly spaced, 14-acre vineyard is composed of a scant layer of topsoil and layers of calcareous shale, on a 1,200-foot mountaintop. Located eight miles from Carmel Bay, Diamond T benefits from cool ocean fog, both in the morning and evening, which moderates the climate and produces an extended growing season. Due to the challenging conditions, crop yields are extremely small at Diamond T. As a result, the fruit is intensely flavored with exceptional concentration.

### WINEMAKING

- 100% estate grown Pinot Noir, Alcohol 14.4%, pH 3.47, TA .65
- Destemmed into small open-top fermentors
- Punched-down twice daily during fermentation
- Racked to 100% new French oak barrels
- Aged 12 months
- Cellared for six months prior to release

### TASTING NOTES

This complex and expressive Pinot Noir presents an almost opaque, deep garnet color and inviting aromas of rich, ripe fruit accented by exotic spices. Tasting Cuvée RFT reveals concentrated layers of ripe black cherry, plum and exotic spice notes alongside elements of cocoa, cedar and coffee. The wine's lush, full flavors are complemented by soft, supple tannins, and excellent acidity. The ultimate expression of Diamond T Vineyard's unique terroir, Cuvée RFT is a sophisticated and age-worthy Pinot Noir.