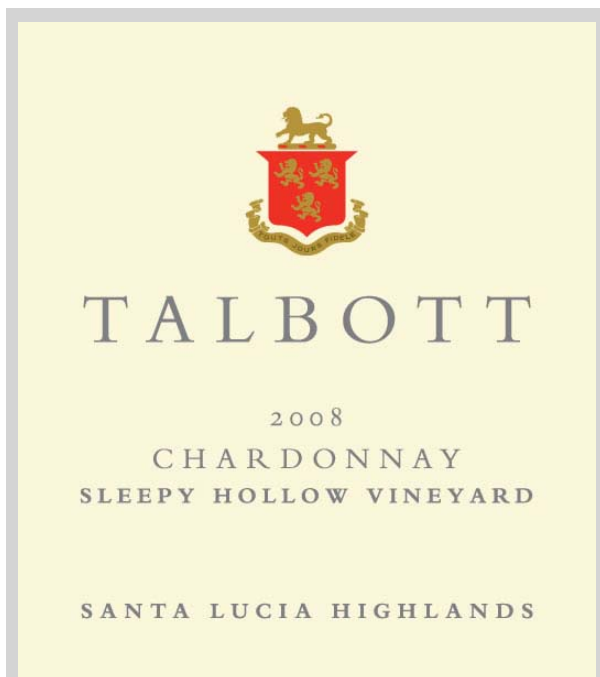




## 2008 TALBOTT CHARDONNAY SLEEPY HOLLOW VINEYARD



**T**albott Chardonnay, Sleepy Hollow Vineyard is our flagship bottling of estate-grown Chardonnay. This benchmark wine displays all of the lush, layered complexity that has made grapes from Sleepy Hollow Vineyard famous. Vintage after vintage, it showcases concentrated layers of tropical fruit, citrus and minerals. It is also the wine that has come to define the Talbott style, with seamlessly integrated oak and vibrant, cool-climate acidity.

### WINEMAKING

- 100% estate-grown Chardonnay, Alcohol 14.9%, pH 3.46, TA .68
- Whole cluster pressed, tank settled and placed directly in French oak barrels
- 100% barrel fermented
- All French oak cooperage, 30% new,
- Inoculated with cultured yeast in barrel
- 100% barrel-fermented
- Barrel-aged 12 months *sur lie*, stirred monthly
- Bottle-aged eight months prior to release

### VINEYARDS

Talbott Chardonnay, Sleepy Hollow Vineyard is crafted from a selection of our finest old-vine Chardonnay. The majority of this fruit comes from self-rooted Wente clone vines, many planted as early as 1972.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine expresses the classic character for Talbott Chardonnay. Medium straw in color, the aromatics offer tropical flavors of guava, white peach and nectarine, accented by elements of pear, toasted hazelnut and citrus. The intensity of the wine's bouquet is framed by a touch of French oak and toasty brioche notes. On the palate, this vintage shows a lush richness on the initial impression. The flavors echo the aromatics, and the finish is long, clean and bone dry, with bright citrus notes and minerality.

