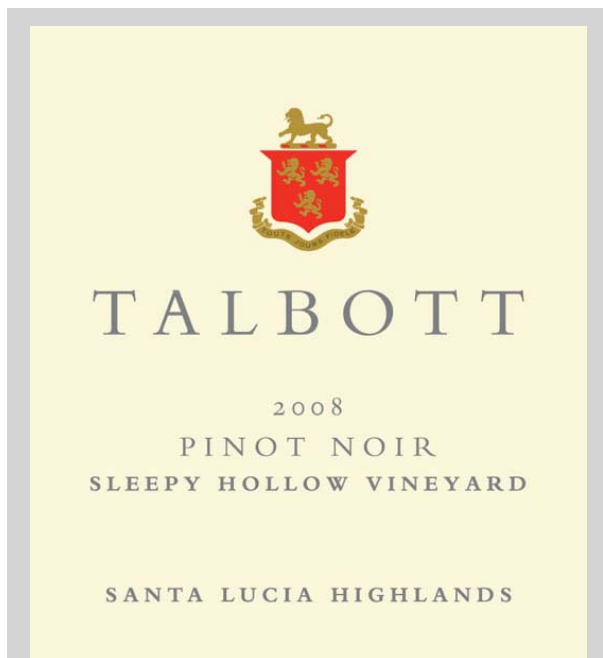




## 2008 TALBOTT PINOT NOIR SLEEPY HOLLOW VINEYARD



**C**rafted as our flagship Pinot Noir, this wine captures the essence of our legendary Sleepy Hollow Vineyard. It is an elegant expression of cool-climate Pinot Noir that highlights the power, purity and sophistication of Sleepy Hollow's acclaimed fruit. Like all of the wines in our portfolio, Talbott Pinot Noir, Sleepy Hollow Vineyard is made by our winemaker Dan Karlsen—a passionate Pinot Noir specialist, with over 30 years of experience—and is produced exclusively using fruit from Sleepy Hollow Vineyard in Monterey County's Santa Lucia Highlands.

### **WINEMAKING**

- 100% estate-grown Pinot Noir, Alcohol 15.4%, pH 3.24, TA .79
- Destemmed
- Placed in small open-top fermentors
- Punched down twice-daily during fermentation
- Pressed off to 30% new French oak barrels for one year of aging
- Bottle-aged an additional six months prior to release

### **VINEYARDS**

Our 2008 Talbott Pinot Noir, Sleepy Hollow Vineyard was made from a careful selection of lots from the finest Pinot Noir blocks of our Sleepy Hollow Vineyard, which is widely recognized as one of Monterey County's grand cru properties. This wine was crafted around a core of 50 percent old-vine Martini clone fruit. To add further nuance and vibrant complexity, it also incorporates fruit from more youthful clone 114 and 115 plantings.

### **TASTING NOTES**

The 2008 Talbott Pinot Noir, Sleepy Hollow Vineyard exhibits a vibrant garnet hue, with youthful intensity and excellent clarity. Its inviting aromas of lush cherry and plum lead to signature floral notes, and elements of sweet French oak. On the palate, this elegant and silky Pinot displays rich texture and amazing ripe fruit, with layers of Bing cherry, plum and blueberry, underscored by midpalate layers of rose petal, violet, cinnamon and cedar. A lasting finish reveals more luscious fruit and lively acidity.

