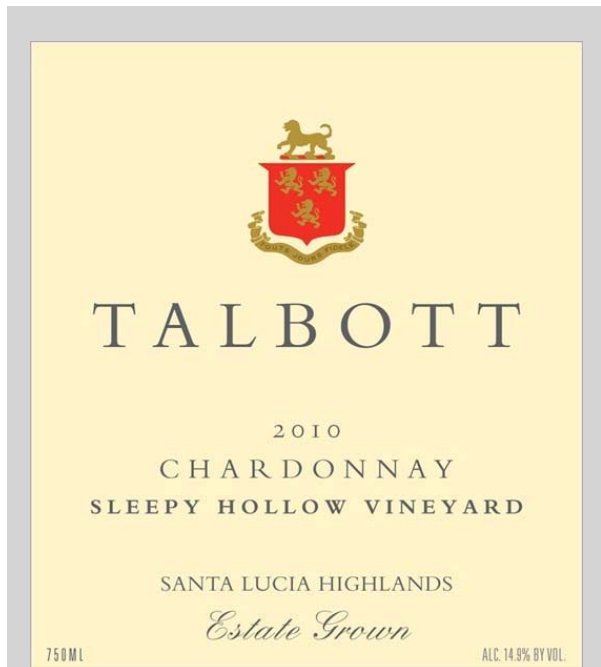




2010 TALBOTT CHARDONNAY SLEEPY HOLLOW VINEYARD



Like all of our wines, our Talbott Chardonnay, Sleepy Hollow Vineyard is made exclusively from estate-grown grapes. It displays all of the concentrated layers of tropical fruit, citrus and minerals that have made Sleepy Hollow Vineyard famous. It also reflects the influence of our winemaker, Dan Karlsen—a Chardonnay and Pinot Noir specialist with more than 30 years of winemaking experience. The resulting wine has come to define the Talbott style, with power, richness, integrated oak and bright, cool-climate acidity.

WINEMAKING

- 100% estate-grown Chardonnay
- Alcohol 14.9%, pH 3.36, TA .74
- Harvested at the peak of ripeness
- Whole-cluster pressed, tank settled
- Inoculated with cultured yeast in barrel
- 100% barrel fermented
- All French oak cooperage, 30% new
- Barrel-aged sur lie for 11 months
- Keep coopers: François Frères, Marsannay and Sirugue

VINEYARDS

This wine is made using approximately two-thirds Old Wente clone fruit (planted in 1972), and one-third Dijon clone grapes (ranging in age from 15-20 years)—all from the finest blocks of Sleepy Hollow Vineyard. Sleepy Hollow is situated on 585 acres of benchland in the Santa Lucia Highlands, 13 miles south of Monterey. The well-drained vineyard features sparse soils comprised of sand, gravel, and granite. These soils reduce yields and create rich, concentrated flavors in the grapes. The vineyard receives morning sunlight from its east-northeast exposure, and lives much of the time in the cool fog and wind from the Pacific Ocean. With a long, cool growing season, the grapes develop the character, intensity and depth of flavor for which the vineyard has become famous.

TASTING NOTES

This wine has aromas of white peach and nectarine, accented by pear, toasted hazelnut and citrus. The intensity of the wine's aroma is complemented by French oak and toasty brioche notes. On the palate, the wine is lush and rich, with round tannins and ripe stone fruit flavors that echo the aromatics. The finish is long and clean, with bright fruit and minerality.

