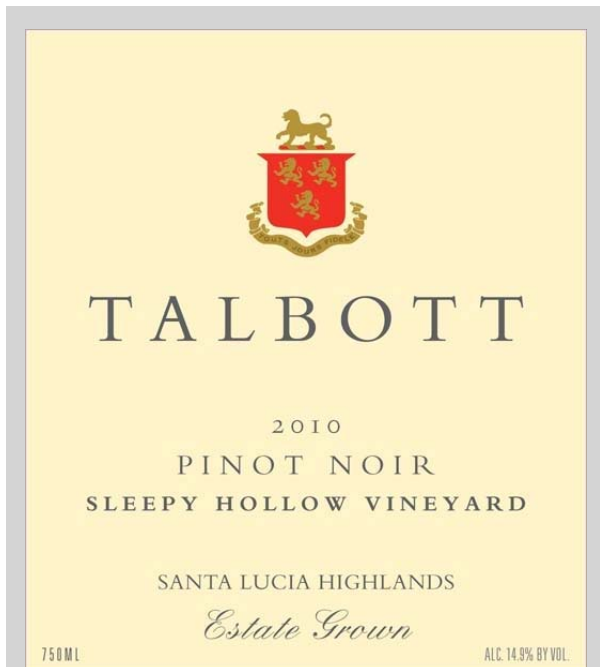




## 2010 TALBOTT PINOT NOIR SLEEPY HOLLOW VINEYARD



**L**ike all of our wines, our Talbott Pinot Noir, Sleepy Hollow Vineyard is made exclusively from estate-grown grapes. It has the concentrated layers of berry fruit that have made Pinot Noir from Sleepy Hollow Vineyard famous. It also reflects the influence of our winemaker, Dan Karlsen—a Pinot Noir and Chardonnay 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 cool-climate acidity.

### WINEMAKING

- 100% estate-grown Pinot Noir
- Alcohol 14.9%, pH 3.68, TA .64
- Harvest at the peak of ripeness
- Destemmed
- Placed in small open-top fermentors
- Punched down twice daily during fermentation
- Pressed off to 20% new French oak barrels for 11 months
- Key coopers: François Frères, Marsannay and Sirugue

### VINEYARDS

This wine is produced using approximately half Martini clone fruit (planted in 1972), and half 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

Aromas of bright cherry and plum lead to floral and spicy French oak notes. On the palate, this Pinot Noir displays a rich texture, soft, velvety tannins and ripe fruit. Flavors of Bing cherry and red plum lead to a long finish with vanilla oak and lively acidity.

