Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart

**The Tasting Panel**
2013 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“Smooth and fresh with lovely structure and balance; bright and round with depth and grace; clean and vibrant.”
**90 Points: Outstanding** -Anthony Dias Blue, May 2015

**Wine Review Online**
2013 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“Vibrant pineapple and citrus lead the way here, with pleasant passion fruit and stony minerality joining in this bang for the buck Chardonnay. It’s crisp and fresh, and has the acidity to accompany saucy summer seafood to great effect. Talbott just keeps cranking them out.” 89 Points
-Rich Cook, August 2015

**PinotFile**
Talbott Vineyards
“Winemaker Dan Karlsen works with one of California’s iconic Chardonnay vineyards: Sleepy Hollow Vineyard, located in the Santa Lucia Highlands. In the past 7 years, 40% of the vineyard has been replanted with closer spacing, a switch to vertical shoot positioning, and the establishment of clonal material that works best on this site. All grapes are kept in-house. The different bottlings are defined by vine age, clone, block and other vineyard-driven factors. Other than small adjustments in aging time and amount of new oak, the wines are vinified in the same fashion so what you taste is what the vineyard provided.”

**Wine Spectator**
2013 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“Combines rich tiers of fig, apricot, melon and green apple with vibrant acidity and a clean, pure finish.” 89 Points: Very good; a wine with special qualities
-James Laube, July 2015

**The Detroit News**
Talbott Vineyards keeps refining Pinot Noir, Chardonnay
“The Kali Hart wines, named for Robb Talbott’s youngest daughter, are a pure expression of fruit and are made without a lot of oak or handling.”

**Newsday**
2013 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“2013 Talbott Vineyards Chardonnay, Kali Hart, with tropical fruit.” Recommended! -Peter Gianotti, July 2015

2013 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“Shy aromas of lemon, grapefruit, and lemongrass. A refined offering that is quite refreshing, with bright citrus flavors that bring a tang to the finish. Rather demure on the attack and finish, but easy going.” 88 Points: Very Good
-Rusty Gaffney, July 2015

Talbott Vineyards has a longstanding reputation for impeccable Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs from Monterey’s Santa Lucia Highlands. That’s all they make. Like the Robert Talbott clothing line produced by the same family, the wines are dedicated to quality and craftsmanship.

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2013 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“This sweetheart — the most affordable of the Talbott wines, is a pure fruit expression of Talbott’s Monterey grapes — citrus, pineapple, honeydew melon with a hint of French oak and minerality. The point of this wine, named for Robb Talbott’s youngest daughter Kali, is to give voice to the vineyard — not to over-manipulate the fruit with oak and cellar techniques. That cool-climate acidity of the hillside balances the fruit. Only 15 percent of the wine was racked to French oak — just enough to broaden the mouthfeel and add a subtle touch of toasty flavor.”
-Sandra Silfven, July 2015
California Chardonnays that take some inspiration from France

“Monterey, California, and the surrounding area is known for its scenic coastline, recreational parks and Big Sur, along with endless boutiques, cafes and art galleries. Most are unaware this area is also home to some world-class wineries that have an affinity for producing finely tuned Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. One of the long-standing family wineries in this region is Talbott Vineyards.”

2013 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart

“This white is 100 percent estate fruit from Talbott’s Monterey vineyards. It is a lean and crisp, mineral-driven wine with bright pear and lemon meringue freshness. The fruit is pure and long in the back of the mouth. This vibrant Chardonnay grows on you with each sip and is never tiring.”

-W. Peter Hoyne, July 2015

Houston Lifestyles & Homes

2013 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart

“A touch of French oak and pretty fruit. More Burgundian — with that special floral hint of Monterey Chardonnay in the bouquet — than most in this price range. Excellent buy.”

-Denman Moody, August 2015

Wine Advocate

2011 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart

“A beautifully fresh, clean and crisp Chardonnay that offers plenty of character in a medium-bodied, gulpable package, the 2011 Chardonnay Kali Hart has quality citrus and mineral-tinged aromas and flavors, juicy acidity and a soft, supple texture. It’s a solid value and should drink nicely for a handful of years. Drink now-2015.”

-88 Points

-Jeb Dunnuck, August 2013

Restaurant Wine

Wines & Wineries to Watch

“A host of fine 2012 Chardonnays is now available; on our list of great values are those from…Talbott.”

2012 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart

“Supple and full bodied, this Chardonnay is complex and medium intense in flavor (butterscotch, honey, orange blossom, pineapple, toast, grapefruit), with good balance and a medium length finish. Exceptional value.”

-Five out of Five Stars: EXCEPTIONAL quality for its type and style; a superstar within its price category. Merits an extra special effort to purchase. Very highly recommended.

-Ronn Wiegand, June 2013

Los Angeles Times International Wine Competition

2013 Wine Gold Medal Winners: Chardonnay

2011 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart

97 Points; Best of Class -June 2013

Newsday

“Robert Talbott’s tie company makes beautiful neckware: textured, carefully crafted, subtly knit, silky, solid, bright, sometimes with an extra-long finish. You could say the same about the wines of Talbott Vineyards. Talbott’s winemaker, Dan Karlsen, specializes in chardonnay and pinot noir.”

2011 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart

“The 2011 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart has tropical fruit notes, with lots of pineapple, some citrus and fine acidity. The Monterey wine is versatile, too.”

-Peter Gianotti, April 2013

Stateways

2011 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart

“A light and fresh chardonnay typical of the Monterey styles; the mid-palate brightness almost makes your palate forget about the delicate butter and slight caramel notes.”

90 Points -April 2014
2011 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“Light straw color. Initial aromas of smoke, citrus, honeydew melon, ripe apple and cream lead to honey-kissed citrus and fleshier tropical fruit flavors in the mouth. For a Chardonnay that sees relatively little French oak contact (only 15% of the juice is racked to barrels), the palate-feel is full and the length is persistent. One of the best Kali Hart bottlings.” 90 Points - Glen Frederiksen, March 2013

Wine of the Week: New Releases from Talbott
“Every year, I look forward to the new release of wines from two of California’s most iconoclastic winemakers, Dan Karlsen of Talbott and Randall Grahm of Bonny Doon. Dan Karlsen is an unabashed fan of his own Monterey County grapes. Karlsen’s trick is that his wines always outperform their price point. His least expensive wines are the Kali Hart Chardonnay and Kali Heart Pinot Noir. These wines are the equivalent of some Sonoma wines at twice the price or more. Unscrew a bottle (yes, he uses screw tops) and you can enjoy the richness of Monterey County fruit. These wines are boldly Californian, yet Karlsen never goes the easy route, avoiding the overly extracted and simplistic wines that California sometimes produces. Instead, using grapes from the ideal climate of Monterey County, his wines demonstrate a canny combination of old world elegance and new world intensity.” - Wes Marshall, June 2014

The Tasting Panel
2010 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“Bright and tangy with lively acidity, fresh fruit and vibrant flavors; balanced and fresh with a long finish.” 90 Points; Outstanding - Anthony Dias Blue, March 2012

Northern Arizona’s Mountain Living Magazine
“Talbott Vineyards is producing notable Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs – some of my favorites. The focus is on quality.”

Wine Enthusiast
Insiders’ Guide to California: Monterey Wine
“Today, Monterey boasts many famous wineries, but it took the work of these pioneers to get there. Three names in particular stand out for the high regard their brands brought to Monterey: Talbott, Pisoni and Morgan.”

Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
Gil Campbell, CEO of Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca: “It’s a heaven for great wines. My favorites include Robert Talbott Vineyards, Kali Hart Chardonnay…” - October 2013

Restaurant Wine
2010 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“These are both excellent values. The Kali Hart (screw cap closure) is full bodied, supple in texture, and fairly complex in flavor; a wine with toasty, nutty, tropical fruit character and a smooth, medium long finish. It tastes of pineapple, vanilla, butterscotch, lemon peel, and grapefruit.”

Four out of Five Stars: EXCELLENT quality for its type, style, and price. Among the very best of its type for its price. Highly recommended. - Ronn Wiegand, June 2012

Colorado Gazette
2010 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“Talbott’s 2010 ‘Kali Hart’ begins with fruit from estate vineyards, including the famed sleepy Hollow Vineyard, though mostly younger vines. The wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged is only five percent oak. It begins with just a whiff of that oak but the action is with the sweetish mix of lively apple, citrus and tropical fruit. It’s lively, a user-friendly style.” - Rich Mauro, May 2012

The Capital Gazette
2010 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“Talbott’s Kali Hart Chardonnay is a steal for the price. Chardonnay fans would be wise to seek out this wine.” - Tom Marquardt and Patrick Darr, September 2012

Food & Wine
2009 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“Citrusy, full-bodied Chardonnay.” Recommended! - Ray Isle, November 2011

Houston Lifestyles & Homes
2010 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“Named after Robb Talbott’s youngest daughter, this estate grown wine, mostly from 10- to 20-year-old vines from the famous Sleepy Hollow Vineyard, exhibits a perfect kiss of oak. It has a notable expression of Chardonnay fruit from one of the premier locations in Monterey County. A great value!” - Denman Moody, May 2012

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
The Move Toward Elegance in Southern California
2010 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“Bright yellow-gold. Ripe peach and melon on the fragrant nose. Fleshy and smooth but energetic too, offering peach and honeyed flavors accent ed by candied ginger and lemon rind. Packs a punch but remains bright and lively, finishing with good breadth and a bracingly bitter quality.” 89 Points - Josh Reynolds, December 2012

2011 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“An amazing wine for its price, Kali Hart has attractive golden hues, rich fruit and mouth-enveloping flavors.” - John Vankat, July 2013
Quarterly Review of Wines
Monterey Magic
“Carmel Heller, Talbott and Bernardus wineries rank with California’s best… All three producers make exemplary wine.”

2009 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“Is estate grown, 80 percent from the legendary Sleepy Hollow Vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands. The wine boasts ripe apple, pineapple and vanilla with fresh citrus notes. It is creamy, generous and lengthy.”
-Ray and Eleanor Heald, Summer 2011

The Orange County Register
Carmel Valley Tiny, But Wines Are Big
Talbott Vineyards
“We enjoyed everything we tasted there. The ever-popular Kali Hart Chardonnay is better than ever.”
-Paul Hodgins, September 2012

Epicurious.com
2009 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“Another consistent high-end operation is Talbott Vineyards down in Monterey, and I'm loving Talbott Vineyards Kali Hart Chardonnay 2009. It's got quite a finish for the under-$20 category, offering lots of melony appeal.”
-Ted Loos, April 2011

The Tasting Panel
2009 Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart
“Rich and lush; dense, long and creamy with ripe fruit and Talbott’s signature oak.” 90 Points; Outstanding
-Anthony Dias Blue, March 2011