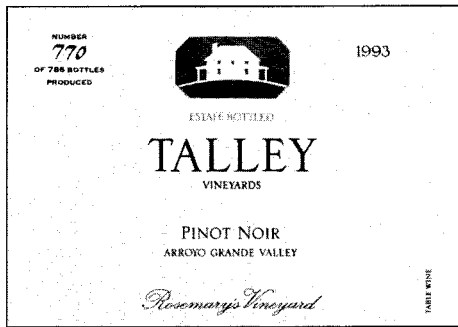


1993 PINOT NOIR
New Releases



1. **1993 Talley Vineyards**, "Rosemary's Vineyard," Arroyo Grande Valley (\$30) – Medium ruby color; attractive, intense, youthful, spicy, berry fruit aroma with woody overtones; medium-full body; rich, textured, cedary, intense berry fruit flavors; medium to medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Superior quality. Lacks finesse now but has a lot of richness; needs a few more years of bottle aging though very enjoyable to drink now. Very highly recommended. *13.9% alcohol; 0.68 TA; 3.48 pH; only 65 cases; 100% Pinot Noir; released September 1995.* (Group Score: 16.1 of 20 points, 8 of 17 first-place votes/3 seconds/3 thirds; My Score: 17 [92 of 100 points], first place)
2. **1993 Sterling Vineyards**, "Winery Lake Vineyard," Carneros, Napa Valley (\$18) – Medium ruby; attractive, forward, smoky, toasty, sweet oak, spicy berry fruit aroma which developed with airing; medium-full body; forward, slightly rich, toasty, woody, berry fruit flavors; medium tannin; slightly tart on the finish; lingering aftertaste. Above-average quality. Highly recommended. *13.0% alcohol; 0.63 TA; 3.63 pH; 6,400 cases; 100% Pinot Noir; released January 1995.* (Group Score: 15.8, 3/2/3; My Score: 16.5 [87/100], fourth place)
3. **1993 Talley Vineyards**, "Rincon Vineyard," Arroyo Grande Valley (\$30) – Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, intense, cedary, spicy, ripe black cherry fruit aroma with a note of tobacco; medium-full to full body; moderately concentrated, herbal, cedary, tight berry fruit flavors; medium-full tannin; slightly tart and rough on the finish; lingering aftertaste. Above-average quality. Needs a few more years of bottle aging, though we would have liked a bit more richness and the tannin seems bothersome. Highly recommended. *13.7% alcohol; 0.66 TA; 3.50 pH; only 60 cases; 100% Pinot Noir; released September 1995.* (Group Score: 15.8, 2/2/4; My Score: 16.5 [89/100], second place)
4. **1993 Kenwood**, "Olivet Lane," Russian River Valley (\$22) – Medium-light to medium ruby; attractive, floral, spicy, moderately intense varietal aroma with herbal, slightly weedy overtones; medium to medium-full body; forward, rich, smooth, herbal, spicy, berry fruit flavors; medium to medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Above-average quality. Enjoyable to drink now. Highly recommended. *13.1% alcohol; 0.63 TA; 3.55 pH; 900 cases; 100% Pinot Noir; released September 1995.* (Group Score: 15.7, 0/3/1; My Score: 16.5 [87/100], fifth place)
5. **1993 Truchard**, Carneros, Napa Valley (\$18) – Medium ruby; attractive, toasty, ripe black cherry fruit aroma; medium to medium-full body; forward, rich, velvety, supple, slightly spicy, ripe cherry fruit flavors; medium tannin;

lingering aftertaste. Above-average quality. Highly recommended. Enjoyable to drink now. *13.2% alcohol; 0.61 TA; 3.78 pH; 1,861 cases; 100% Pinot Noir; released October 1995.* (Group Score: 15.7, 0/2/2; My Score: 16.5 [89/100], third place)

6. **1993 Mont St. John**, "Organically Grown Grapes," Carneros (\$15) – Medium ruby; attractive, intense, spicy, herbal, cedary, earthy, berry fruit aroma; medium to medium-full body; tight, herbal, berry fruit flavors; medium to medium-full tannin; slightly tart on the finish; slightly lingering aftertaste. Above-average quality. Highly recommended. *12.8% alcohol; 0.68 TA; 3.54 pH; 1,500 cases; 100% Pinot Noir; released August 1995.* (Group Score: 15.6, 2/1/2; My Score: 16.5 [85/100], seventh place)

7. **1993 Talley Vineyards**, Arroyo Grande Valley (\$22) – Medium ruby; pleasant, medium intense, spicy, berry fruit aroma; medium to medium-full body; textured, herbal, berry fruit flavors; medium to medium-full tannin; slightly tart on the finish; lingering aftertaste. Above-average quality. Enjoyable to drink now. Highly recommended. *13.8% alcohol; 0.63 TA; 3.49 pH; 1,258 cases; 100% Pinot Noir; released September 1995.* (Group Score: 15.6, 0/2/1; My Score: 16.5 [87/100], sixth place)

8. **1993 Iron Horse Vineyards**, Green Valley, Sonoma County (\$18) – Medium-light ruby; pleasant, floral, spicy, slightly peppery, oaky, cherry fruit aroma with a hint of anise; medium to medium-full body; tight, delicate, woody, cherry fruit flavors; medium to medium-full tannin; slightly rough and tart on the finish; slightly lingering aftertaste. Standard quality. Recommended. *13.6% alcohol; 0.57 TA; 3.45 pH; 1,536 cases; 100% Pinot Noir; released May 1995.* (Group Score: 15.2, 0/1/0; My Score: 16 [84/100], eighth place)

9. **1993 Newlan Vineyards & Winery**, Napa Valley (\$18) – Medium ruby; attractive, forward, spicy, rich, sweet oak, berry fruit aroma; medium-full body; tight, herbal, woody, berry fruit flavors; medium to medium-full tannin; tart finish; slightly lingering aftertaste. Standard quality. Recommended. *13.5% alcohol; 0.57 TA; 3.31 pH; 519 cases; 100% Pinot Noir; released June 1995.* (Group Score: 15.1, 0/1/0; My Score: 16 [83/100], ninth place)

10. **1993 Davis Bynum**, Russian River Valley (\$12) – Light to medium-light brickish ruby; pleasant, floral, smoky, slightly herbaceous, sweet berry fruit aroma; medium body; tight, slightly tart, berry fruit flavors; medium tannin; tight finish; slightly lingering aftertaste. Standard quality. Faded a bit with airing in the glass. Recommended. *13.1% alcohol; 0.65 TA; 3.41 pH; 1,522 cases; 100% Pinot Noir; released August 1995.* (Group Score: 15.1, 0/0/0; My Score: 16 [81/100], tenth place)

10. **1993 Cedar Brook Winery**, California (\$7) – Light to medium-light brickish ruby; floral, slightly volatile, herbaceous aroma with a hint of stewed tomatoes; medium body; slightly rich, woody, berry fruit flavors; medium tannin; slightly tart on the finish; slightly lingering aftertaste. Standard quality. Controversial with both first-place and last place votes from our panel. *12.5% alcohol; 0.59 TA; 3.56 pH; 1,768 cases; 100% Pinot Noir; released July 1995.* (Group Score: 15.0, 2/0/1; My Score: 15 [70/100], twelfth place)

12. **1993 Charles Krug**, Carneros, Napa Valley (\$9) – Light to medium-light ruby; medium-light, floral, stemmy, weedy aroma; medium body; thin Pinot Noir flavors; slightly