

2004 Talley – Rincon Chardonnay

Appellation:	Arroyo Grande Valley – San Luis Obispo County
Vineyard Site:	The 89 acre Rincon Vineyard is planted on rolling hills on the eastern edge of Talley Vineyards 8 miles from the coast. Coordinates: 35,10,51 N 120, 31, 19 W
Soil:	Shallow clay loam over sandstone.
Clone/Rootstock:	Clone 4 / St. George
Vineyard blocks:	East Rincon Block 7 planted in 1991
Vineyard mgmt.	E/W rows, 12x6 spacing, 605 vines per acre Vertical shoot positioning
Harvest:	Sept. 28 Yield: 3.15 TPA
Juice statistics:	25 brix, pH3.35, TA .75
Vinification:	Whole cluster membrane pressed, 20% stainless and 80% barrel fermentation, malolactic in barrel with periodic stirring, 13 months on lees in 50% new French oak with no racking. Bottled 11/19/05
Wine profile:	100% Chardonnay, alcohol 14.4%
Case production:	113
Characteristics:	Our eighth vintage from Talley- Rincon produced a wine whose consistency we always appreciate. Ever year, this meticulously farmed vineyard provides grapes full of flavor, balance and distinction and this vintage is no exception. The fruit was harvested after the heat wave and the flavors while ripe, are framed by ample acidity. The tropical aromas of mango and papaya are typical as is the hint of anise. This wine would always be welcome with a grilled Australian Lobster Tail.