



TALISMAN

1999 Carneros Pinot noir

Talisman Cellars is dedicated to the creation of hedonistically delicious wines that are true to their roots and accurately reflect their places of origin.

About the Talisman Logo

The Talisman logo is a stylized representation of the *paho*, a native American charm that has been imbued with the power to protect one from harm. The elements of the paho represent the circle of life and the four directions, reminding us of our place in the universe. The rays around the paho represent the sun, which provides energy for life on Earth and ripens the grapes, which allow us to revel in the pleasures of life, including fine wine.

1999 Carneros Pinot noir Vineyards and Winemaking

The Truchard vineyard was the sole source of fruit for the 1999 Carneros bottling. Half of the grapes came from twenty-year old vines from the original plantings, while the tiny first harvest from a new planting in a slightly cooler part of the vineyard provided the remainder of the blend.

The growing season was long and cool, allowing the grapes to develop mature flavors and tannins. Fermentation was done in small lots with gentle punch-downs to optimize extraction. Extended maceration ensured that none of the fine-grained, high-quality tannins were left behind. The wine was aged in new and one-year-old French oak barrels for twelve months prior to bottling.

1999 Carneros Pinot noir Tasting Notes

This bottling responds magnificently to a little air and what is an initially shy wine evolves into wonderful notes of spice, mineral, and brambles. Currant and cherry fruit flavors meld with the velvety, voluptuous texture. The tannins are fine-grained and transition seamlessly into a lengthy finish. Like all vintages of Talisman Pinot noir, those with the patience to lay this wine down for five or six years will be handsomely rewarded with a wine that develops gracefully into maturity.

I hope that you enjoy this wine. If you have questions or comments regarding Talisman wines, don't hesitate to call. I'd love to hear from you.