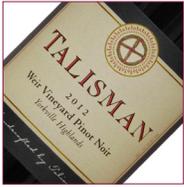
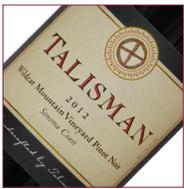
**2012 Talisman Adastra Vineyard • Los Carneros Napa Valley Pinot Noir****93 POINTS**

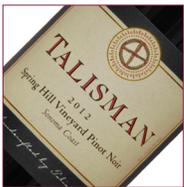
416 cases, \$56. Release October 1, 2015. This organically farmed and certified vineyard is a shy-bearing site planted in clay loam soil in 1994. Clones are 113, 115, 777, Swan, Pommard, Wädenswil and two unnamed suitcase selections. Aged 20 months in 100% French oak barrels, 59% new. • Moderate reddish purple color in the glass. Highly perfumed with aromas of black cherry, spice, cola and dark chocolate. A rich dark cherry core of fruit is clothed in modest tannins and complimented by a gentle oak touch. A wine of impressive integrity and balance that is somewhat Russian River Valley in character in this vintage. When tasted the following day from a previously opened and re-corked bottle, the wine still had generous power and length.

**2012 Talisman Weir Vineyard • Yorkville Highlands Pinot Noir****93 POINTS**

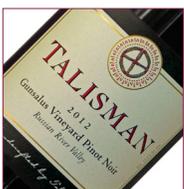
268 cases, \$65. Released June 1, 2015. This 15-acre vineyard was planted in 1992 in loamy clay and gravelly, well-drained soils at 850 to 1000 foot elevation. Clones are Pommard, Wädenswil, and selections are from Rochioli and Romane-Conti vineyards. 25% whole cluster, native yeast fermentation, and extended post-fermentation maceration. Aged 21 months in 100% French oak barrels, 64% new. • Moderately light crimson color in the glass. This wine showed a remarkable transition over night when re-tasted from a previously opened and re-corked bottle. The nose is très Pinot with scents of cherry, rose petal and spice. Light to moderate in weight, but packed with flavors of red cherry, raspberry, and spice. The tannins are silky, the oak is perfectly integrated, and the overall impression of this charming wine is elegance. This wine has more zippy acidity than the other Talisman wines reviewed on this date. Decant if you drink now, or cellar a few years for a special experience.

**2012 Talisman Wildcat Mountain Vineyard • Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir****92 POINTS**

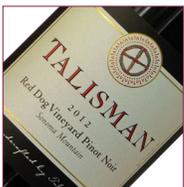
173 cases, \$52. Released June 1, 2015. This vineyard is the highest in the area, situated at 750 feet elevation on the southern flank of the mountain range straddling both Los Carneros and Sonoma Coast appellations. It is exposed to cold and foggy air that arrives through the Petaluma Gap and from San Pablo Bay. Planted in 1998 by Nancy and Tony Lily and their partner, Steve MacRostie in decomposed volcanic basalt to clones 115, 777 and Pommard. 25% whole cluster. Yield 2.6 tons per acre. Native yeast fermentation, extended postfermentation maceration. Aged 21 months in 100% French oak barrels, 57% new. • Moderately light reddish purple color in the glass. Lovely perfume of wild berries and macerated cherries with just a hint of oak. Silky smooth on the palate with a mid weight array of dark raspberry, pomegranate and cherry flavors framed by refined tannins. There is modest oak seasoning and a healthy tannic backbone that predicts age ability. When tasted the following day from a previously opened and re-corked bottle, the nose was still bright and pleasing and that silky smooth texture still captivated. My only nit is that a hint of alcoholic warmth creeps in slightly on the finish.

**2012 Talisman Spring Hill Vineyard • Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir****91 POINTS**

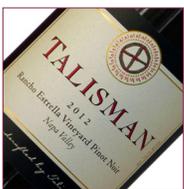
262 cases, \$44. Released June 1, 2015. This vineyard was planted in 2001, 2002 and 2003 at 600 foot elevation in far western Petaluma. Clones are 777, Pommard, and Calera. Yield 2.5 tons per acre. 30% whole cluster, native fermentation, extended maceration. Aged 21 months in 100% French oak barrels, 50% new. • Moderate reddish purple color in the glass. Shy, but pleasant aromas of black cherry pie glaze and complimentary toasty oak. The dark cherry core is fresh and rewarding and accented with notes of mocha and savory herbs. The tannins are modest, the wine is accordingly quite approachable now but was much better the following day from a previously opened and re-corked bottle when the nose became much more expressive, the texture was notably soft and mellow, the tannins suave, and the bright cherry fruit nicely complimented by nutty oak. A bit of alcoholic warmth shows up on the finish.

**2012 Talisman Gunsalus Vineyard • Russian River Valley Pinot Noir****90 POINTS**

267 cases, \$50. Release October 1, 2015. Vineyard planted in 2001 in Goldridge sandy loam soil. Clones 114, 115 and 777. Aged 20 months in 100% French oak barrels, 64% new. • Moderately light reddish purple color in the glass. This wine reminds one of cherry pie day at baking school with aromas and flavors of Bing cherries, baking spices and a touch of sandalwood. The fine-grain tannins are well balanced, the fruit is forward and juicy, and the wine finishes with a surge of cherry goodness.

**2012 Talisman Red Dog Vineyard • Sonoma Mountain Pinot Noir****94 POINTS**

218 cases, \$52. Released October 1, 2015. Vineyard is located high above Bennett Valley on the northwestern side of Sonoma Mountain. Clones 115, 777 and Pommard 5 were planted in 2000 in loamy clay soil. Aged 20 months in 100% French oak barrels, 46% new. • Moderate reddish purple color in the glass. A stunning wine from the get go, offering soaring aromas of dark berries, earthy flora, spice and rose petal. My notes say, "WOW," about the entry and follow through, featuring juicy dark red and purple berries, spice, slight floral input, and engaging oak presence. Impeccably balanced. When tasted the following day from a previously opened and re-corked bottle, the wine was still great indicating a long life ahead.

**2012 Talisman Rancho Estrella Vineyard • Napa Valley Pinot Noir****92 POINTS**

72 cases, \$48. Release August 8, 2015. The vineyard, planted in 2006, is located at 600 feet elevation at the southern end of the Napa Valley. Pommard and Dijon clones 115 and "828." 25% whole cluster in the bottom of the fermenters. Native yeast primary fermentation and native bacteria malolactic fermentation. Extended maceration followed by racking into new (33%) and once-used French oak barrels and aged for 21 months. • Moderate reddish purple color in the glass. Saucy aromas of black cherry and peppery spices lead to a delectable core of earthy black cherry and black raspberry fruits accented by a spicy tang and framed by supportive fine-grain tannins. The fruit really sings in this wine which finishes with uncommon persistence and a hint of alcoholic warmth.