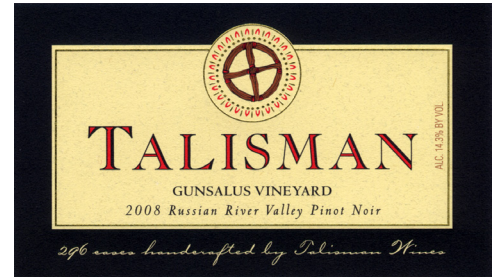


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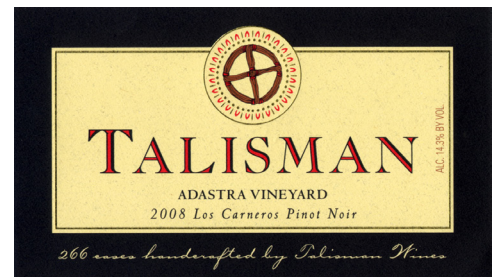
2008 Talisman Pinot Noir Aداstra Vineyard Los Carneros

Bright red. Pungent red and dark berry scents, along with notes of cherry-cola, succulent herbs and Indian spices. Sappy, deeply pitched cherry and black raspberry flavors are nicely concentrated but surprisingly lithe, picking up spiciness with air. Fine-grained tannins add grip to the sweet, very long finish. **91 points**



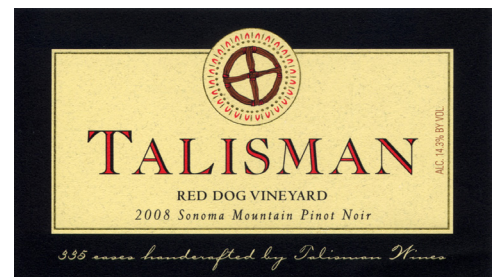
2008 Talisman Pinot Noir Gunsalus Vineyard Russian River Valley

Dark red. High-pitched aromas of red berries and cherry, with suave vanilla and anise nuances and a hint of cracked pepper. Supple, deeply pitched red fruit flavors are enlivened and sharpened by juicy acidity. Seamless and sweet on the finish, which clings with impressive tenacity and gentle spiciness. **91 points**



2008 Talisman Pinot Noir Red Dog Vineyard Sonoma Mountain

Vivid red. Pungent cherry and dark berry aromas are complemented by notes of woodsmoke, anise and black tea, with a hint of lavender in the background. Smooth and expansive, offering fleshy blackberry and bitter cherry flavors that gain sweetness with air. Shows good power and depth but comes off lively, finishing with gentle tannic grip and lingering smokiness. **90 points**



2008 Talisman Pinot Noir Spring Hill Vineyard Sonoma Coast

Medium red. Pungent red fruit and floral aromas, with notes of woodsmoke, sassafras and black tea. Taut, sharply focused redcurrant and bitter cherry flavors are complemented by peppery spices and a touch of dried rose. Shows a dry edge on the smoky finish, which repeats the sassafras and bitter cherry notes. Not bad but this bottling lacks the dimension and sweetness of its stablemates this year. **87 points**

