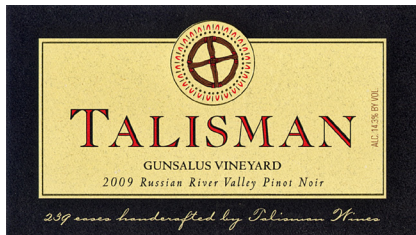


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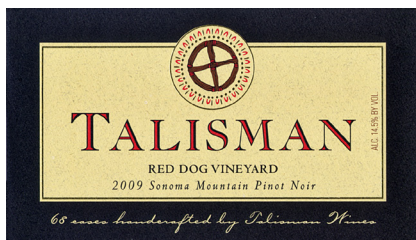


## **Talisman 2009 Gunsalus Vineyard Pinot Noir** (Russian River Valley)

**90**  
POINTS

Exceptionally rich and ripe in raspberry and cherry jam fruit, brightened by crisp acidity and housed in dusty tannins. Gains extra points for earthy, mushroomy complexity.

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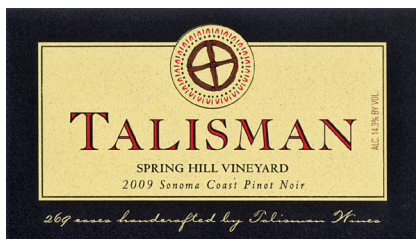


## **Talisman 2009 Red Dog Vineyard Pinot Noir** (Sonoma Mountain)

**90**  
POINTS

This is a very fine, strong Pinot Noir. Ripened under the California sun, the wine boasts flashy cherry, red currant, pomegranate, persimmon and cocoa flavors. The silky texture is pure Pinot.

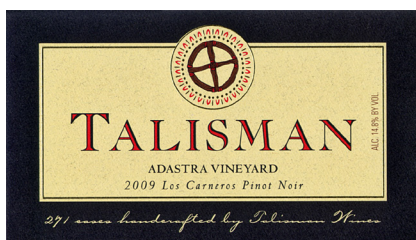
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## **Talisman 2009 Spring Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir** (Sonoma Coast)

**89**  
POINTS

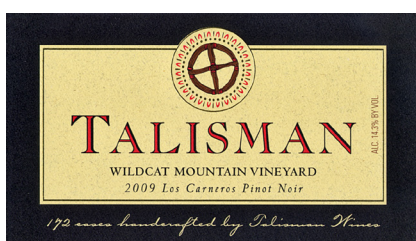
There's no doubt that this is an exceptionally ripe, delicious Pinot Noir. It's rich in black cherry pie and red currant flavors that sink in deep and last into a long, spicy finish. Brisk acidity and dusty tanins provide fortunate balance.



## **Talisman 2009 Adastra Vineyard Pinot Noir** (Los Carneros)

**88**  
POINTS

Sweetly extracted fruit and oak star in this rich Pinot Noir. It has flavors of raspberry jam, cherry pop tart, vanilla, buttered toast, brown sugar and cinnamon. All this richness is balanced by brisk, mouthwatering acidity.



## **Talisman 2009 Wildcat Vineyard Pinot Noir** (Los Carneros)

**87**  
POINTS

Delicious in cherry jam, mocha and spice flavors, with a silky mouthfeel. But it's heavy and rich for a Pinot Noir. Could be Grenache. Drink up.