



TALISMAN

2001 Kathy's Cuvée Las Brisas Vineyard Pinot noir Los Carneros

Talisman Winery is dedicated to the crafting of exquisite, soulful Pinot noirs that are true to their roots and accurately reflect the terroir and personality of their vineyard origin.

About the Talisman Logo

The Talisman logo is a stylized representation of a Native American medicine wheel. The elements of the medicine wheel represent the circle of life and the four directions, reminding us of our place in the universe. The rays around the medicine wheel represent the sun, which provides energy for life on Earth and ripens grapes, allowing us to revel in the pleasures of life, including fine wine.

Vineyards and Winemaking

This 2001 Pinot noir was made with grapes sourced from the Las Brisas Vineyard, a special spot in the Carneros appellation that expresses deep plum and blackberry fruit flavors that marry beautifully with the French oak barrels in which it aged for 16 months. This wine offers a generous mouthful of flavor now, but will give you many, many years of hedonistic pleasure.

The 2001 vintage was marked by an early and severe frost, the likes of which had not been seen in Carneros since 1980. The frost reduced fruit yields to less than two tons per acre in the section of the Las Brisas vineyard that provided the grapes for this wine. This led to a wine with naturally exceptional depth and concentration. Only veraison thinning was required to balance yield and degree of ripeness. The grapes were simply destemmed with 25% retained as whole clusters, then left to soak prior to the start of a native fermentation. Part way through, a small amount of a commercial yeast strain was introduced to ensure completion of the process. After extended maceration and pressing, the wine completed malolactic fermentation in new French oak barrels, where it aged for sixteen months prior to bottling. Only 81 cases were produced.

We highly recommend opening this wine to give it a generous dose of air an hour or so before serving. This will allow the wine to “flesh out” and show off its silky, lush, round texture even more. Talisman Pinot noirs hold up beautifully for several days after opening. Please enjoy.

This limited bottling, single vineyard Pinot noir is dedicated to Kathy Polucha Kessler, whom we lost in January of 2003. Special wines come from unique vineyards that convey a sense of place and a unique identity, and like people with their unique natures, cannot be replaced.