



TALISMAN

1999 Russian River Pinot noir

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

Talisman's first exploration into the Russian River appellation was made with grapes from the Klopp vineyard. This promising young vineyard is located in a neighborhood of famous vineyards and planted to a Dijon 115 clone and a field selection of Swan on non-vigorous soils composed largely of sand.

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. Techniques that protect the young wine from air produce long-lived wines that are initially shy, but blossom in the glass with a little air.

Tasting Notes

Blackberry, smoke, and brambles best describe the aroma that wafts from a glass of this wine. The flavors are initially tight and focused, reminiscent of blackberries and Bing cherries. There is great tension between the slightly lean structure and the silky sweet mid-palate. This is delicious wine with persistent fruit on the finish. Like all vintages of Talisman Pinot noir, those with the patience to lay this wine down for a while 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.