



# TALISMAN

## 2009 Weir Vineyard Pinot noir Yorkville Highlands

*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

Planted in 1992, the Weir Vineyard is our most far-flung vineyard. Located in the Yorkville Highlands between Cloverdale and Mendocino, the vineyard's elevation (850'-1000') and aspect place it squarely in the path of cold air flowing in from the Mendocino coast, a mere 17 miles away. The 15 acre vineyard incorporates several soil types, including gravels, highly fractured rock and old sandstone. The topsoil is thin, limiting vine growth and vigor, while promoting concentration in the resulting wines.

The winemaking is simple, designed to let the vineyard shine, rather than the hand of the winemaker. We incorporated about 25% whole cluster in the fermenter and destemmed the balance. After nearly a week in vat at cool temperatures, a feral fermentation ensued and lasted about ten days. After the fermentation was complete, the must underwent extended maceration and the tank was finally drained and the fermented grapes pressed after a total of 35 days in vat. The wine was settled overnight, then went into French oak barrels, where malolactic fermentation occurred the following spring.

### Tasting Notes

The brilliant, bright ruby hue hints at the Weir Vineyard's pedigree. Deep, rich, heady aromas of blackberry, star anise, sandalwood and raspberry, along with a hint of bramble precede a complex array of concentrated, graceful flavors of blueberry and cassis with accents of mineral and cherry cola. The texture is round, and the very fine grained tannins hint of a long life ahead. Multiple days of tasting reveal astounding layers of personality and persistence. This wine has elegance, class, and a high yum factor to boot.

### Details

Vineyard planted in: 1992

Vine spacing: 6' x 8'

Vine density: 908 vines per acre

Clones/selections: 2A, Pommard, Romanee-Conti, Rochioli

Rootstock: 5C

pH: 3.74

Titratable acidity: 5.6 g/L

Alcohol: 14.3 % by volume

Yield: 2.4 tons of grapes per acre

Barrel aging: 21 months, 60% new French oak

237 cases produced