



TALISMAN

2013 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.

When you're a wine grape farmer, unremarkable weather can be a very good thing, and the 2013 growing season was pretty close to ideal. Wonderfully dry conditions and moderate temperatures throughout the season allowed us to pick when the flavors were just right.

As usual, most of the hard work of chasing perfection occurred in the vineyard, so our efforts in the winery were minimal. We picked the Pommard clone September 13th and fermented it 100% whole cluster in a one ton bin. The rest of the blocks were picked September 20th then hand sorted, retaining 25% as whole clusters. The separate lots underwent feral yeast fermentations, enjoying lots of manual punchdowns, and an extended maceration. We used barrels from all five of our favorite coopers to help create complexity: Marcel Cadet, Remond, François Frères, Dargaud et Jaegle, and Rousseau.

Tasting Notes

Amazingly elegant and graceful; this stunning showing of the wonderful Weir vineyard displays its usual complex bouquet of raspberry, rose, mineral, orange zest and sandalwood. The texture is seductive, soft and velvety with dreamy flavors of perfumey red currant, strawberry and a faint whisper of licorice... with a very long, lingering persistent finish.

Details

Vineyard planted in: 1992

Vine spacing: 6' x 8'

Vine density: 908 vines per acre

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

Rootstock: 5C

pH: 3.71

Titratable acidity: 6.0 g/L

Alcohol: 14.2 % by volume

Yield: 2.6 tons of grapes per acre

Barrel aging: 19 months, 70% new French oak

241 cases produced