

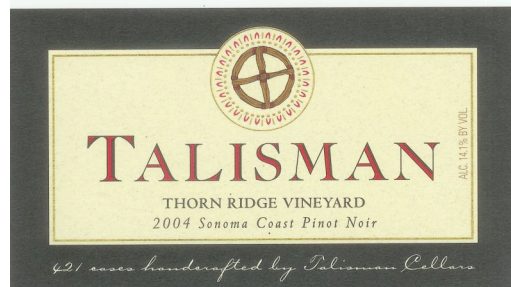
# PINOTREPORT

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## Talisman Cellars

Scott Rich has been winemaker for Mont St. John, Carneros Creek Winery and Etude; he's a successful consulting winemaker for wineries in Chile, he's also winemaker and general manager of Moraga Vineyards in Southern California. He and his wife Marta founded Talisman Cellars to be a small-lot Pinot Noir specialist winery. **Scott's experience and intuition** about wine and Pinot in particular are reflected in his wines; **they are soulful, deep expressions of the vineyard.** Talisman's Pinot bottlings include vineyard designates from the Thorn Ridge Vineyard on the Sonoma Coast, Ted's Vineyard in Russian River Valley, Red Dog Vineyard on Sonoma Mountain and Wildcat Mountain Vineyard in Carneros. **They are all well-worth your attention.**

### ***Pinot Noir Sonoma Mountain Red Dog Vineyard 2004***

Deep ruby color; deep, spicy, dense, some black pepper aromas; ripe, rich, deep, dusty cherry, earthy and forest floor, some pepper, tannin and oak notes; great structure and balance; long finish. Big and deep, this Pinot has the structure and dense fruit that comes from its mountain heritage.

208 cases made

\$46

Score: **92**

## **MAKE ROOM IN THE CELLAR!**

### ***Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Thorn Ridge Vineyard 2004***

Medium-deep ruby color; spicy, deep cherry, cola and forest floor aromas; deep, ripe, with layers of complex cherry, forest floor and spice flavors; bit tannic; great structure and balance; long finish. **This is an amazingly complex and interesting Pinot – so much here to like.**

421 cases made

\$46

Score: **95**