

Next month will be the beginning of my fifth year of writing this column in the Sun. That realization prompted me to look back at the first column I wrote here in May of 2010. It was titled “Sonoma: Mecca for high-end Pinot Noir?” and I would have to say that the answer to that question is an even more emphatic “yes” than it was four years ago.

With all this in mind, I decided to put together my list with some brief notes on the Pinot producers here in Sonoma that in my mind are “must taste” wines if you love Pinot Noir. Some of these producers have tasting rooms, some do not – I have included their websites for more information. This is my list — your list might be different, and that is what makes wine interesting!

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TALISMAN WINES — Scott Rich and his wife Marta founded Talisman Wines 20 years ago as a small-lot Pinot specialist. Scott has a lot of Pinot experience and this has resulted in Talisman Pinots that are soulful, deep expressions of the vineyard and very ageworthy. Talisman recently opened a tasting room in Glen Ellen—worth the short drive! For more information, visit Talismanwine.com.



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