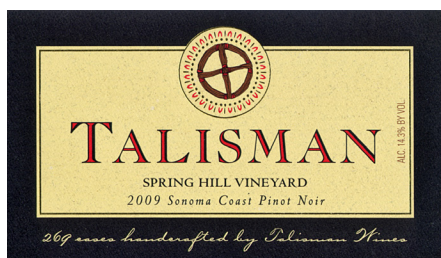


*for people passionate about western pinot noir*

by G.S. Walter

**Scott Rich** has been winemaker for the old Carneros Creek Winery and Etude; he's a successful consulting winemaker for wineries in Chile; he's worked as winemaker and general manager of Moraga Vineyards in Southern California. And, more to the point here, he and his wife Marta are also the founders and owners of Talisman Cellars in Sonoma, 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 a regional Carneros bottling and vineyard designates from the Spring Hill Vineyard in Sonoma Coast, Adastra Vineyard in Carneros, Gunsalus Vineyard in Russian River Valley and Red Dog Vineyard on Sonoma Mountain. They are texture-driven, age well and well worth your attention.



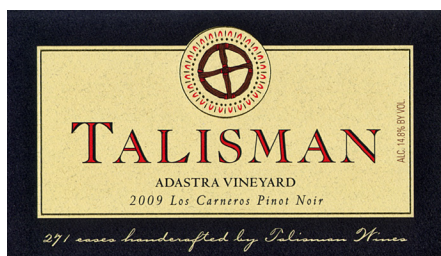
### Spring Hill Vineyard 2009

Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

Medium-deep ruby color; complex spice, forest floor aromas with dark cherry notes; deep cherry flavors with earthy, forest floor notes; moderate oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep and rich Pinot with really nice structure.

**94**  
POINTS

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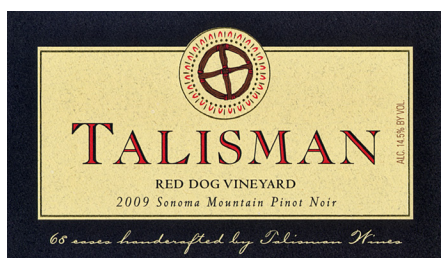
### Adastra Vineyard 2009

Los Carneros Pinot Noir

Medium-deep ruby color; complex, rich spicy, earthy aromas with some cherry notes; deep, ripe black cherry flavors with spice and earthy notes; good structure and balance; long finish. Complex, rich Pinot -- drinking well now but will continue to improve.

**93**  
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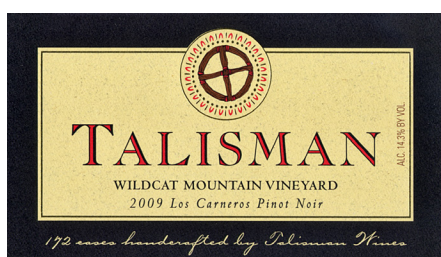
### Red Dog Vineyard 2009

Sonoma Mountain Pinot Noir

Deep ruby color; dense, dark berry and forest floor aromas; complex, deep berry flavors with earthy, mineral notes; moderate tannin and oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Dense and interesting Pinot with a long life ahead.

**93**  
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### Wildcat Mountain Vineyard 2009

Los Carneros Pinot Noir

Medium-deep ruby color; rich, complex aromas of spice and dark cherry; deep, rich cherry flavors with spice and earthy notes; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Spicy, assertive flavors make this Pinot great for the table.

**92**  
POINTS

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