

2008 Talisman Pinot Noir Adastra Vineyard Los Carneros

Bright red. Pungent red and dark berry scents, along with notes of cherry-cola, succulent herbs and Indian spices. Sappy, deeply pitched cherry and black raspberry flavors are nicely concentrated but surprisingly lithe, picking up spiciness with air. Fine-grained tannins add grip to the sweet, very long finish. **91 points**

2008 Talisman Pinot Noir Gunsalus Vineyard Russian River Valley

Dark red. High-pitched aromas of red berries and cherry, with suave vanilla and anise nuances and a hint of cracked pepper. Supple, deeply pitched red fruit flavors are enlivened and sharpened by juicy acidity. Seamless and sweet on the finish, which clings with impressive tenacity and gentle spiciness. **91 points**

2008 Talisman Pinot Noir Red Dog Vineyard Sonoma Mountain

Vivid red. Pungent cherry and dark berry aromas are complemented by notes of woodsmoke, anise and black tea, with a hint of lavender in the background. Smooth and expansive, offering fleshy blackberry and bitter cherry flavors that gain sweetness with air. Shows good power and depth but comes off lively, finishing with gentle tannic grip and lingering smokiness. **90 points**

2008 Talisman Pinot Noir Spring Hill Vineyard Sonoma Coast

Medium red. Pungent red fruit and floral aromas, with notes of woodsmoke, sassafras and black tea. Taut, sharply focused redcurrant and bitter cherry flavors are complemented by peppery spices and a touch of dried rose. Shows a dry edge on the smoky finish, which repeats the sassafras and bitter cherry notes. Not bad but this bottling lacks the dimension and sweetness of its stablemates this year. **87 points**

2007 Talisman Pinot Noir Red Dog Vineyard Dijon Clones Sonoma Mountain

Bright red. Sexy, pungent bouquet evokes red and dark berry preserves, Asian spices and dried flowers, plus a hint of blood orange. Sweet, sappy and densely packed but light on its feet, with energetic raspberry and cherry flavors and a silky texture. Finishes smooth and sweet, with impressive cling and drive. This is already delicious. **92 points**

2007 Talisman Pinot Noir Red Dog Vineyard Pommard Clone Sonoma Mountain

Light red. Shows a more serious mien than the Dijon Clones bottling, offering scents and flavors of black raspberry, cherry and musky herbs. Chewy and expansive on the palate, with very good depth and mounting structure. Becomes spicier with air and finishes with a whiplash of star anise and bitter cherry. **91 points**

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Light red. Complex, herb-accented aromas of redcurrant, pomegranate, botanical herbs and woodsmoke; smells like a wild amaro. Taut, focused and pure, with refreshingly bitter red berry and cherry skin flavors and a touch of blood orange. The firm finish displays very good clarity and lingering sweetness. **91 points**

2007 Talisman Pinot Noir Wildcat Mountain Los Carneros

Medium red. High-pitched aromas of red berries, cinnamon and fresh flowers. Juicy and precise in the mouth, offering tangy strawberry and raspberry flavors that gain depth with air. Slightly chewy tannins add shape to the spicy, incisive finish. This should age nicely. **90 points**

2007 Talisman Pinot Noir Hawk Hill Vineyard Russian River Valley

Vivid red. Highly aromatic bouquet of redcurrant, spicecake, dried rose and minerals. In a distinctly spicy, energetic style, with juicy acidity intensifying its raspberry and floral pastille flavors. Shows very good flesh and sweetness but comes off as lithe, spreading out nicely on the sappy, gently chewy finish. **90 points**