



TALISMAN

1999 Carneros Pinot noir

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

The Truchard vineyard was the sole source of fruit for the 1999 Carneros bottling. Half of the grapes came from twenty-year old vines from the original plantings, while the tiny first harvest from a new planting in a slightly cooler part of the vineyard provided the remainder of the blend.

The growing season was long and cool, allowing the grapes to develop mature flavors and tannins. Fermentation was done in small lots with gentle punch-downs to optimize extraction. Extended maceration ensured that none of the fine-grained, high-quality tannins were left behind. The wine was aged in new and one-year-old French oak barrels for twelve months prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

This bottling responds magnificently to a little air and what is an initially shy wine evolves into wonderful notes of spice, mineral, and brambles. Currant and cherry fruit flavors meld with the velvety, voluptuous texture. The tannins are fine-grained and transition seamlessly into a lengthy finish. Like all vintages of Talisman Pinot noir, those with the patience to lay this wine down for five or six years will be handsomely rewarded with a wine that develops gracefully into maturity.

I hope that you enjoy this wine. If you have questions or comments regarding Talisman wines, don't hesitate to call. I'd love to hear from you.