



TALISMAN

2009 Mystery Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

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

Serendipity can be a wonderful thing. Although we focus on Pinot noir, we can certainly appreciate a fabulous Cabernet. The grapes that produced this wine sort of fell into our lap late in the season. Due to the circumstances surrounding our good luck, we can't say too much about the vineyard. We can tell you that the berries were tiny, had incredible tannins, and that the vineyard is located in a coveted pocket of Napa Valley. The most important part is that the grapes turned into great wine that we get to share with you!

2009 was a stellar vintage in Napa Valley; late spring rains and a nice, warm but not hot summer made for a smooth growing season giving us wines of great depth and personality. The grapes were hand sorted and destemmed into a one ton fermenter. We waited patiently while the grape must soaked then applauded when a feral fermentation commenced eight days later. Once fermentation was complete 45 days after picking, we drained and pressed, settled the wine overnight, then filled barrels the next day. After aging for 32 months in French oak barrels; one new Taransaud and one slightly used Seguin Moreau, this wine was bottled by hand, unfinned and unfiltered.

Tasting Notes

Wow, such a big, soft, lush, effusive bouquet of rich cherry, licorice, "red hot" candies and sandalwood. The texture is elegant and balanced, yet seductive, opulent and smooth with chalky tannins; enticing flavors of ripe blackberry, cola, new leather, fresh tobacco and licorice linger on and on. What an exquisite mouthful of flavor and fun!

Details

Year vineyard planted: it's a mystery
Vine spacing: also a mystery
Elevation: higher than the valley floor
Clones/selections: will remain a mystery
Rootstock: another mystery

pH: 3.67
Titratable acidity: 6.1 g/L
Alcohol: 14.6 % by volume
Yield: 3 tons of grapes per acre
Barrel aging: 32 months, 50% new oak

45 cases produced (two barrels)