



# TALISMAN

## 2013 Aadastra Vineyard Pinot Los Carneros

*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

Aadastra is a California Certified Organic vineyard situated in the very heart of the Los Carneros appellation. Located in a low spot with cool air flow and very thin, relatively light clay-loam soils, it is a site with naturally low vigor. The inherently low yields produce extraordinary fruit from vines that require little in the way of manipulation, a hallmark of an exceptional vineyard. Chris Thorpe and his son-in-law Edwin Richards do an incredible job of managing this vineyard that produces wines unlike most Los Carneros Pinot noirs.

When you're a wine grape farmer, unremarkable weather can be a very good thing, and the 2013 growing season was pretty close to ideal. Wonderfully dry conditions and moderate temperatures throughout the season allowed us to pick when the flavors were just right.

We picked all of our blocks in two consecutive days. In addition to the blocks that we've historically sourced, we also worked with the second significant crop from four new blocks containing "suitcase" clones that had been budded over from merlot to pinot noir. Feral fermentations started 4-6 days after harvest, retaining a whole cluster component of 25% and all of the lots underwent extended maceration prior to pressing and barreling. The wine was aged and went through malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels, including François Frères, Rousseau, Dargaud et Jaegle, Marcel Cadet and Remond for 18 months.

### Tasting Notes

2013 Aadastra Vineyard Pinot noir begins with a beautiful garnet color and big dark cherry bouquet. Rich aromas of blueberry, currant, ripe cantaloupe and slate waft out of the glass; the wine is richly textured with firm structure and an amazing array of flavors ranging from blackberry and sweet spice to white chocolate, brown rice, clay and a whisper of caraway. The finish continues with lingering flavors of pure Bing cherry juice.

### Details

Vineyard planted in: 1994

Vine spacing: 5' x 7'

Vine density: 1245 vines per acre

Clones/selections: 2A, Swan, Pommard, Dijon clones 113,115, 777  
and two "suitcase" clones

Rootstock: 110R

pH: 3.74

Titrateable acidity: 5.7 g/L

Alcohol: 14.9% by volume

Yield: 2.2 tons of grapes per acre

Harvest dates: September 12-13, 2013

Barrel aging: 18 months, 62% new French oak

316 cases produced