



TALISMAN

2013 Jamison Valley Vineyard Destein Estate Pinot noir Bennett 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

The Destein estate vineyard sits on a west-facing slope in isolated Jamison valley at the east end of the Bennett Valley AVA. It takes the brunt of cool air flowing through the Petaluma Gap from the Pacific Ocean, allowing ample flavor development through generous hang time resulting from cool growing season temperatures. The vines are small, with a great natural balance and small fruit load that is the result of scanty, non-vigorous soils.

The winemaking was very straightforward. Picked on October 13, this was the last vineyard we picked in 2012. The grapes were hand-sorted, then destemmed without crushing; about 25% of the fruit was placed in the bottom of the fermenters for a whole cluster component. Fruit from the east (Pommard clone) and west (Dijon clones 115 and 828) blocks were fermented separately. As usual, we relied on native yeast for the primary fermentation, as well as native bacteria for the malolactic fermentation. The tanks were drained and pressed after an extended maceration, the wine settled overnight to remove the very heaviest solids, racked into new and once-used barrels. After barrel aging, the wines from both blocks were combined and bottled by hand.

Tasting Notes

Mysterious blackberry, black currant, lava, cranberry and cassis waft from this intriguing wine; with its bright, beautiful garnet hue. An array of flavors floods the palate; brambly wild raspberry, cranberry, pomegranate, cedar, redwood bark, baking spices and a wet stone minerality are all wrapped up in a wonderfully taut structured body with firm cherry pit tannin and beautiful acidity. This wine is masculine and brooding and lends a lasting pleasant finish. Intriguing indeed!

Details

Vineyard elevation: 565 – 625'
Vine spacing: 6' x 4'
Vine density: 1815 vines per acre
Clones/selection: Dijon 777
Rootstock: 3309, 101-14

pH: 3.75
Titratable acidity: 5.8 g/L
Alcohol: 14.7% by volume
Yield: 2.0 tons of grapes per acre
Barrel aging: 21 months, 50% new French oak

51 cases produced