



# TALISMAN

## 2013 Weir Vineyard Nebbiolo

*Lizzie's Block*

### Yorkville Highlands

*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

We were thrilled when Bill Weir offered us the opportunity to try our hand at crafting Nebbiolo from his vineyard! The vines were grafted over from Pinot noir as a tribute to Bill's late sister-in-law, Elisabeth Friel, who was enamored by Nebbiolo. This really interesting variety is as challenging as Pinot noir and produces a wine that is equal parts racy, intellectual and elegant.

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.

As usual, most of the hard work of chasing perfection occurred in the vineyard, so our efforts in the winery were minimal. We picked October 16, sorted the fruit, and waited for a feral yeast fermentation to take off. We basically crafted this wine using the same techniques that we employ for our Pinot noirs; lots of manual punchdowns and extended maceration. This wine was aged in a single neutral French oak barrel for 20 months.

#### Tasting Notes

A bouquet of red currant, anise, exotic sandalwood and hints of Italian almond cookies lead you into this fascinating bottling of California Nebbiolo, the classic varietal of world famous Barolos. The wine is sublime, tart and grippy; hints of violets, rose petal and red plum dance along the palate... it's minerally, lively, bright and begs for a meal to really strut its stuff.

#### Details

Vineyard planted in: 2007

Vine spacing: 6' x 8'

Vine density: 908 vines per acre

Clones/selections: Nebbiolo

Rootstock: 5C

pH: 3.67

Titrateable acidity: 6.3 g/L

Alcohol: 14.2 % by volume

Yield: 1.1 tons of grapes per acre

Barrel aging: 20 months, old French oak

23 cases produced