



TALISMAN

2014 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 2014 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 6th, 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 all 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

This is such a fascinating wine; with effusive, bright, perfumey aromas of strawberry, lilac, blueberry, ginger, intense rose petals and a stony minerality. Tannins are intense and chewy which is classic of Nebbiolo structure and wonderful with a variety of foods. The acids are bright, and accented by flavors of cranberry, pomegranate, almond and sour cherry. While this wine will age for a long time, it's bright and lively and delightful now.

Details

Vineyard planted in: 2007
Vine spacing: 6 x 8
Vine density: 908 vines per acre
Clones/selections: Nebbiolo
Rootstock: 5C

pH: 3.68
Titratable acidity: 6.1 g/L
Alcohol: 13.4 % by volume
Yield: 1.1 tons of grapes per acre
Barrel aging: 21 months, old French oak

31 cases produced