



TALISMAN

2018 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.

The 2018 growing season was extraordinary. Budbreak was delayed by late rains that kept soils saturated and cold, which delayed budbreak. Summer arrived with Goldilocks temperatures – neither too cold, nor too hot, but just perfect. A cooling period in late July put the brakes on and helped avoid any late summer heat spikes when the fruit would normally be vulnerable. The extra-long growing season allowed extended hang time and produced wines with fully mature, subtle tannins, outstanding color and brightness, depth of fruit, and beautifully balanced wines.

As usual, most of the hard work of chasing perfection occurred in the vineyard, so our efforts in the winery were minimal. We picked September 12th, 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 stainless steel barrel for 20 months.

Tasting Notes

Rose petals, cranberry, moist redwood bark and red plum waft from the glass of this sassy, lively, rich and extremely bright Nebbiolo. Intense acidity and tight fine-grained tannins are classic for this grape varietal and provide the depth, structure and incredible longevity inherent to Nebbiolo. On the palate it just keeps going with a long, bright, clean, lingering black cherry finish.

Details

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

pH: 3.76
Titratable acidity: 5.8 g/100mL
Alcohol: 14.1% by volume
Yield: 0.9 tons of grapes per acre
Barrel aging: 19 months 50% new French oak

96 cases produced