

# TALISMAN

## *International* WINE REPORT

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2013

**Wildcat Mountain  
Vineyard Pinot Noir**  
*Sonoma Coast*

91  
POINTS

This Pinot Noir from Talisman comes from the Wildcat Vineyard, located on the western edge of the Sonoma Valley. It opens with gorgeous aromas of dark cherry, ripe raspberries and black fruit along with spices and dried violets. On the plate there is a mix of alluring savory nuances along with ripe red fruits. This is beautifully structured and balanced with velvety tannins backed by a lovely touch of acidity as it heads into the seamless finish. Impressive now and should continue to improve with additional bottle age. (Best 2017-2027) October, 2016

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**Gunsalus Vineyard  
Pinot Noir**  
*Russian River Valley*

92  
POINTS

The 2013 Talisman Wines Gunsalus Vineyard Pinot Noir is a gorgeous Pinot Noir. It instantly shows aromas of ripe cherries, red fruits, sweet berries along with hints of earth, intense fresh rose, and cedar box. On this palate this is beautifully structured, soft and elegant with pure red fruits followed by a long lingering and spicy finish. Today this Pinot Noir is drinking well and shows wonderful potential for the next decade. (Best 2017-2027) October, 2016

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**Red Dog Vineyard  
Pinot Noir**  
*Sonoma Mountain*

93  
POINTS

The 2013 Red Dog Vineyard Pinot Noir is a spectacular showing in the vintage. The Vineyard is situated on the northwest side of Sonoma Mountain and benefits from the cool climate of the Pacific. As this begins to open it releases aromas of wild red berries, earthy notes, florals, dark soil, black pepper, and wild dried herbs all soaring from the glass. Overall, it displays a fantastic texture with lots of red fruits on the palate. The finish is vibrant with lovely acidity and spicy notes lingering. This is certainly one of the most compelling wines I've had the chance to taste from Talisman. (Best 2016-2028) July, 2016

