



# TALISMAN

## 2015 Weir Vineyard Nebbiolo

*Lizzie's Block*

### Yorkville Highlands

*Talisman Winery is dedicated to the crafting of exquisite, soulful wines 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.

2015 was the fourth year of drought in California; the lack of winter rains so many years in a row resulted in very scant yields and thus, considerable concentration in the fruit. Weather during the growing season was wonderfully mild. Harvest was the earliest and fastest in recent memory.

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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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

What an incredibly beautiful aroma of cherry lifesavers! Also a bit floral with brambles, mineral, jasmine and a smidge dusty in a very alluring way... On the palate this wine is classic Nebbiolo; bright, lively, very tart and taut with soft but prominent tannins, red plum, tangerine blossom and black cherry. It's extremely mouthwatering with a delightful lingering finish.

#### Details

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

pH: 3.93  
Titratable acidity: 5.8 g/L  
Alcohol: 14.1 % by volume  
Yield: 0.5 ton of grapes per acre  
Barrel aging: 20 months in stainless steel

10 cases produced