



TALISMAN

2019 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.

The 2019 growing season started a week or two later than usual with a wet spring, then followed by cool temperatures that allowed the grapes to mature gradually and develop full flavors with fresh acidity and superb balance.

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

Beautiful floral aromas of rose petals along with intense cranberry and white pepper are just a hint of the fascinating deep, tarry, thick blackberry bouquet. Deep black cherry envelopes you as you take a sip, and experience intense umami, and a briny mouthwatering palate of sour cherries like a cough drop. Chewy tannings, bracing acidity and a persistent lingering finish beg for a rich, savory meal such as succulent braised short rib with a caramelized onion, roasted tomato and mushroom demi-glace sauce. Wow...

Details

Vineyard planted in: 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/L
Alcohol: 14.1 % by volume
Yield: 0.9 tons of grapes per acre
Barrel aging: 19 months 50% new French oak

4 barrels / 100 cases made