



TALISMAN

2019 Adastra Vineyard Pinot noir Los Carneros Napa Valley

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

Adastra is a California Certified Organic vineyard situated in the very heart of the Los Carneros appellation. Located in a low spot with cool air flow and very thin, relatively light clay-loam soils, it is a site with naturally low vigor. The inherently low yields produce extraordinary fruit from vines that require little in the way of manipulation, a hallmark of an exceptional vineyard. Chris Thorpe and his son-in-law Edwin Richards do an incredible job of managing this vineyard that produces wines unlike most Los Carneros Pinot noirs.

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.

We harvested Adastra in late September. Feral fermentations started about a week after harvest and a whole cluster component of 25% kept fermentations slow and steady. All of the lots underwent extended maceration prior to pressing and barreling. The wine was aged and went through malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels, including François Frères, Rousseau, Dargaud et Jaegle, Marcel Cadet and Remond for 18 months.

Tasting Notes

She's a big girl that wants all your attention! Captivating aromas of raspberry, cinnamon spice, pomegranate and chocolate covered cherries are just the beginning of this gem; darker notes of black pepper, black cherry and a rich, viscous, voluptuous umami sensation fills your mouth with the rich, complex, mouthwatering texture, the assertive tannins that persist, this wine just lingers on and on... it will continue to delight for many years to come.

Details

Vineyard planted in: 1994

pH: 3.74

Vine spacing: 5' x 7'

Titratable acidity: 5.7 g/L

Vine density: 1245 vines per acre

Alcohol: 14.8% by volume

Clones/selections: 2A, Swan, Pommard, Dijon clones 113,115, 777
and two "suitcase" clones

Yield: 2.2 tons of grapes per acre

Rootstock: 110R

Harvest dates: September 25th

Barrel aging: 19 months, 60% new French Oak.

Production: 12 barrels / 298 cases produced