

CROSSROADS WINERY



TALISMAN 2009

A Talisman is an object imbued with powers of protection and good fortune

Crossroads Winery is a boutique winery founded in 1990 with a vision to produce an iconic wine that would showcase the harmony of soil and climate of Hawkes Bay. The vision was realised in our flagship wine, Talisman – a long kept, secret blend of classic red wine grape varieties.

The Talisman is made from parcels of exceptional fruit, the best each vintage gives us. Our secret is to craft a perfectly balanced wine using these select parcels which may differ in proportion from vintage to vintage. This enables us to ensure that in Talisman, the sum is always greater than the parts.

VINTAGE INFORMATION

The superb 2009 vintage made a fine chapter in the Talisman story. Always a strict selection of our finest parcels of fruit, Talisman reflects the unique character of our best estate-owned sites. The heart of this journey has been the identification and nurturing of these vineyards. These sites encompass our home vineyard at Fernhill, the renowned Gimblett Gravels and vines further inland at Mangatahi.

After twenty years we still haven't revealed the grape varieties that make up Talisman but we can say their vines are naturally low in vigour and consistently produce our most intense fruit. Thinning to one bunch per shoot ensured very concentrated flavours. The season was very warm and dry bearing ripe fruit with rich flavours complimented by fine natural acidities.

THE SECRET

A range of vinification and maturation techniques are used to create Talisman. Mostly hand picked, some of the varieties are co-fermented for complexity in both open and closed top vessels. From the blending of the varieties emerges the personality and soul of Talisman. The barrels are progressively tasted for the qualities of aroma and texture that have become the signature of this unique and age-worthy wine.

WINEMAKER COMMENT

With a spirited nose and vivid intensity the 2009 will be a memorable Talisman. The secret blend of varieties brings both complexity and harmony to the wine. A seamless palate is brought to life by violet, blackcurrant and licorice among the many flavours. Supple, focused tannins frame the long detailed finish. Enjoy now with duck or venison or cellar for up to a decade and watch Talisman weave its magic.



STATISTICS

Maturation

14 months in 100% new oak barriques, 85% French oak & 15% American oak

Region Hawkes Bay

Alc/Vol 14.5%

Titrateable Acid 6.3g/l

pH 3.77

Residual sugar Dry

Cellaring Until 2025

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