



TALISMAN

2000 Russian River Valley Pinot noir

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

The grapes for this bottling were sourced from Ted Klopp's exceptional vineyard, which lies on the same sandy/silty Goldridge soils profile as the nearby Dehlinger and Kistler vineyards. A viticultural ying-yang, this vineyard is planted to a hand-picked selection of Swan, considered to be one of California's finest heirloom selections, as well as the modern, sought-after Dijon 115 clone from Burgundy.

Budbreak, flowering, and fruit set all started earlier than normal, setting the stage for potentially early harvest with abundant fruit. Conscientious thinning was required to balance yield and the timing of harvest slid into its normal time frame as relatively cool days prevailed. The grapes were simply destemmed with approximately 25% retained as whole clusters, then left to soak prior to the start of a native fermentation. Part way through, a small amount of a commercial yeast strain was introduced to ensure completion of the process. After extended maceration and pressing, the wine completed malolactic fermentation in new and one-year-old French oak barrels, where it aged for twelve months prior to bottling. Only 300 cases were produced.

Tasting Notes

A big, juicy mouthful of ripe blackberries form the first impression of this wine. Blackberry aromas mingle with smoky and toasty notes contributed by new and one-year-old French oak barrels. Rich, intense, and concentrated, this wine possesses the trademark Talisman silky texture and finishes with mouthwatering persistence.