



TALISMAN

2002 Ted's Vineyard Pinot noir Russian River 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

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. While this vineyard is relatively young, it has already gained a reputation for producing luscious vineyard-designate quality wines. Located in the rolling hills just west of the Laguna de Santa Rosa, the climate is cool and the vigor of the vines can be dialed in by controlling the amount of irrigation the vines receive. Clonal material consists of Swan selection, one of the mainstays of North Coast viticulture, as well as Dijon 115 and Pommard clones.

The vintage of 2002 was uncharacteristically marked by minor heat waves during every month of the growing season, followed by weekly temperature spikes during harvest. Rain during flowering kept yields low, which combined with the heat fluctuations to produce exceptionally ripe grapes.

The grapes were simply destemmed with 20% retained as whole clusters, then left to soak prior to the start of a native fermentation. Once the native fermentation began, a small amount of a commercial yeast strain was introduced to ensure completion of the process. After an extended maceration (33 days from crush to press), the must was pressed and racked to barrels after a night of settling. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation and sixteen months of aging in new and one-year-old French oak barrels from the coopers Francois Freres, Dargaud & Jaegle, Cadus, Remond and Marcel Cadet. A tiny 233 cases were produced.

Tasting Notes

Cherry, black raspberry, and faint sweet oak are the predominant aroma notes. The initial palate impression is cool and silky smooth with gobs of flavorful black raspberry and black licorice flavors, finishing with persistence and liveliness. Very ripe and a bit more massive than the norm, we have found this wine to unfold beautifully with a modicum of air – it responds beautifully to decanting.

Details

Vineyard planted in: 1994

Vine spacing 6' x 8'

Vine density: 908 vines per acre

Clones/selections: Dijon 115, Swan, and Pommard

Rootstock: 1103P

pH: 3.63

Titrateable acidity: 0.53 g/100mL

Alcohol: 14.1% by volume

Yield: 2.3 tons of grapes per acre

Barrel aging: 16 months, 60% new French oak,
40% 1-year old French oak

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