



# TALISMAN

## 2007 Hawk Hill 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 2007 vintage was exceptional in its easy grace. It started with an early budbreak and a very mild growing season with only a few early heat spikes. A bit of heat in August pushed the grapes through veraison quickly, creating a crop with very uniform ripeness. The beginning of September was unusually cool and the balance of the harvest was mild, allowing leisurely picking decisions based solely on fruit maturity and flavor profile.

A mere seven miles from the ocean, the Hawk Hill Vineyard sits in a foggy slot in far west Sonoma County. The soils are classic Goldridge series, long associated with the best wines of the Russian River appellation. Picking occurred on October 2, prior to the mid-month rains, and the fruit arrived at the winery in beautiful condition. The two clones underwent a feral yeast fermentation with a whole cluster component of 25%. Thirty-three days after harvest, the wine went to French oak barrels, from five coopers of our choosing; François Freres, Dargaud and Jaegle, Remond, Marcel Cadet and Cadus; in which malolactic fermentation was finished the following spring. The wine was bottled in August, nearly two years after the harvest. The wine received an additional year of bottle age prior to release.

### Tasting Notes

This is a wine of compelling, slightly brooding complexity. It is a great example of pure extroverted Russian River fruit expression and the more complex, cerebral characteristics of wines from the Sonoma coast. The aroma is focused, intermingled with notes of blue plum, blackberry, licorice, mineral, and subtle violets. The palate is moderately dense and filled with blueberry, blackberry, currant, and a streak of minerality. The juicy finish is lively and persistent.

### Details

Vineyard planted in: 1994

Vine spacing: 6' x 8'

Vine density: 908 vines per acre

Clones/selections: Dijon 115 and Pommard

Rootstock: 1103P

Harvest date: October 2, 2007

pH: 3.65

Titrateable acidity: 0.55 g/100mL

Alcohol: 14.5% by volume

Yield: 2.1 tons of grapes per acre

Barrel aging: 20 months, 70% new French oak

169 cases produced