



# TALISMAN

## 2009 Huckleberry'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

Bill and Lauren Hipp, along with their dogs Huckleberry and Gracie, farm this vineyard in the Green Valley of Russian River Valley appellation just northwest of the small town of Graton. This is the first vintage from this pocket-sized parcel that sits on classic Russian River Gold Ridge soils. The closely-spaced vineyard is managed entirely by hand (Bill's and Lauren's!) and the attention to detail translates to the wine. 2010 was one of the coldest, longest growing seasons in recent memory. A cold, wet winter slid into a spring that really seemed like a continuation of winter. When summer finally arrived, things stayed cold until September, when the first real heat arrived. This tiny vineyard was finally picked October 5. The miniscule, concentrated crop translated into an incredible wine.

The grapes were destemmed directly into a one-ton fermenter with a layer (approximately 25%) of whole clusters on the bottom of the fermenter. A feral fermentation started after six days of soaking at around 58o F and the grapes were punched down from two to six times per day. After a total vat time of 36 days, pressing took place. The wine was racked to a single new Marcel Cadet barrel the next morning, where it completed malolactic fermentation. After 20 months in barrel, the wine was bottled by hand without fining or filtration.

### Tasting Notes

The nose is bright and fruit-forward, displaying cherry, citronella, and brown Asian spices. This wine is quite graceful, texturally soft and round, with a juicy mid-palate and dark fruit flavors with hints of earth and animal. It finishes with mouth-watering persistence.

### Details

Vineyard planted in: 2004  
Vine spacing: 3' x 5'  
Vine density: 2904 vines per acre  
Clones/selections: 115, 667  
Rootstock: 101-14  
One quarter acre is planted to Pinot Noir

pH: 3.69  
Titratable acidity: 6.0 g/L  
Alcohol: 14.5% by volume  
Yield: 1.7 tons of grapes per acre equivalent  
Barrel aging: 20 months, 100% new French oak

25 cases produced