



# TALISMAN

## 2017 Rosé of Pinot noir Dawson Vineyard Los Carneros

*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

We've vineyard-designated this wine to pay homage to the concept of making rosé that can be fun, flirty and fruity, yet retain a serious side with an alluring complexity. This is a dry, crisply structured, pretty wine that is comfortable in a variety of settings from picnics to parties or serious dining. Share this wine with those you love!

Dawson vineyard is located on the Sonoma county side of Los Carneros; with clay soils typical of the area, and is farmed organically. 2017 started with a wet spring, encouraging healthy vine growth and required good canopy management. We enjoyed mostly mild daytime temperatures and cool nights throughout the summer season, then found ourselves in a labor day heat spike. Thankfully all our Pinot Noir had been harvested and was happily fermenting in the winery when the crazy October fires swept through the area.

The grapes for this rosé were picked at full ripeness (less common for dry rosés), giving us a round, full flavored wine. The clusters were pressed whole, then the juice was fermented with feral yeast in neutral French oak barrels. The wine was lovingly made in a very natural way; unfiltered and unfinned, to give us exceptional texture and flavor intensity, then bottled by hand.

### Tasting Notes

An exquisite and encompassing bouquet of peach, strawberry, guava, fresh raspberry and honeysuckle waft from the glass of this super flavorful smooth, supple, bright dry rosé. The lively acidity and fruit balance is mouth watering and bursting with peach, honeydew melon, black cherry and something a bit tropical. This wine is so alluring, with so much flavor; peaches n cream, strawberry and even green apple tart. A perfect sipper anytime.

### Details

Year planted: 2000  
Elevation: 25' above sea level  
Clones: 667, 115, Pommard  
Fermentation: feral yeast

pH: 3.47  
Titratable acidity: 7.1 g/100mL  
Alcohol: 14.1% by volume  
Barrel aging: 7 months in neutral French oak

125 cases produced