



# TALISMAN

## **2000 Carneros Pinot noir**

Talisman Cellars is dedicated to the production of very limited quantities of exceptional wines that reflect their origins. Unbound by Old World traditions, the most appropriate New World winemaking technologies are melded with the best classic Burgundian methods to create wines with distinctive character.

### **Vineyards and Winemaking**

The fruit for this wine came from two different blocks of the Truchard vineyard. The oldest block, planted over twenty years ago, is naturally balanced and provides scanty amounts of fruit that contribute structure and elegance to the wine. This vintage was the second bearing year for a young block of vines of various clones, including the highly-regarded Dijon clones imported from Burgundy. The highly exposed fruit produced wine with fruity youthful exuberance that melded beautifully into the blend.

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 two blocks were picked in a five day period in mid-September. 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. Production was limited to 280 cases.

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### **Tasting Notes**

Inviting aromas of brambles and spice lure you into taking the first sip. A soft entry filled with bright cherry fruit unfolds to reveal a mid-palate sweet spot characteristic of fully ripened fruit. Hints of leather and earth intermingled with a beautifully silky texture suggest Burgundian origins. This is a great food wine, finishing with spice and slightly grippy fine-grained, high-quality tannins.

### **About the Talisman Logo**

The Talisman logo is a stylized representation of the *paho*, a Native American charm that has been imbued with the power to protect one from harm. The elements of the paho represent the circle of life and the four directions, reminding us of our place in the universe. The rays around the paho represent the sun, which provides energy for life on Earth and ripens the grapes, which allow us to revel in the pleasures of life, including fine wine.

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