



# TALISMAN

## 2007 Mystery Vineyard Pinot noir Sonoma Coast

*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

An unusual set of circumstances led to the grapes that became this wine. While searching for a new long-term Sonoma Coast appellation vineyard, we stumbled across this interesting vineyard that was in the midst of a change in ownership. We were offered the opportunity to work with this vineyard, but understood that it was a once-only deal, as the new owner had plans for using all of the grapes in the future. The vineyard is located in a small, low valley set in the midst of the Petaluma Gap. This particular site is so extreme that the first time visiting the vineyard, the entire place couldn't be seen due to the dense fog and it's a small vineyard! The soils are thin and sandy/silty.

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. This was the last harvest of the year – the grapes were picked on two separate dates, October 4 and 9.

We used the same basic, simple fermentation techniques that are utilized for almost all Talisman pinot noirs – gentle destemming while keeping the berries intact, approximately 25% whole cluster, native yeast and malolactic, a lukewarm soak, and post-fermentation maceration. The wine was then aged for 20 months in French Oak barrels.

### Tasting Notes

Our 2007 Mystery Vineyard pinot noir exhibits a deep, rich bouquet, blueberry and blackberry aromas, along with earth, cedar, and toasty barrel notes. This wine is complex and charming with a thick, rich texture on the palate, lush raspberry, plum, and cherry flavors, an opulent, viscous, silky mouthfeel, and a tiny “hint of corruption” to add to the mystery.

### Details

Vineyard planted in: 2000

Vine spacing: 6' x 8'

Vine density: 908 vines per acre

Clones/selections: Dijon 113, Dijon 667, Pommard

Rootstock: 110R

pH: 3.74

Titrateable acidity: 5.4 g/L

Alcohol: 14.3% by volume

Yield: 2.1 tons of grapes per acre

Barrel aging: 20 months, 66% new French oak

267 cases produced