



# TALISMAN

## 2014 Sadie'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

Sadie's Vineyard is named after Tam Foster's and Cristi Iannuzzi's gorgeous and spirited German Shepard Sadie, who is usually found with her younger sidekick, Kodi. The vineyard is located along the chilly Bodega Highway corridor in a sweet spot of the Sebastopol Hills west of the town of Sebastopol. The site is planted to some of our favorite clones; Pommard and Dijon 115, and is composed of classic Goldridge soils, renowned for producing spectacular Pinot noir grapes. The 2014 vintage is the first wine from this site that we've bottled as a single-vineyard wine and we're pretty excited about the results.

2014 was the third year of a serious drought in Northern California giving us lower grape yields with tremendous concentration. A warm, relatively dry spring meant quick flowering, and warm temperatures during fruit set produced a nice even set. The summer was mild with very few heat spikes, giving us a consistent, well developed crop. Two weeks of fog at the end of August slowed things down, then a brief heat wave over Labor Day jump started harvest, with mild temperatures thereafter.

This is the first single-vineyard bottling for Sadie's Vineyard and we kept the winemaking as simple and non-interventional as possible. We picked both clones September 12 and very carefully sorted the grapes. Pommard clone grapes were layered in the bottom of the fermenter without destemming. This created a whole cluster component of about 25%. The balance of the grapes were destemmed and stewed in the fermenter at 58oF for six days before the yeast endemic to the winery showed the first signs of a serious fermentation. Punch downs were performed a minimum of three times each day until all of the sugar in the grapes was exhausted. At the end of the fermentation, the tank was sealed to exclude oxygen and we waited patiently. After 34 days, we unsealed the fermenter, drained the liquid into a tank, pressed the remaining grapes and combined the wine in the tank, allowing the heaviest solids to settle out overnight before barreling. Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel.

### Tasting Notes

A beautiful bouquet of black cherry, rose petal, nutmeg and pomegranate are a great introduction to this striking Russian River classic; soft, round, ripe and lively with great depth and grace. Accents of apricot, raspberry, spice and a hint of earth linger into a long delicious finish.

### Details

Vineyard planted in: 2009

Elevation: 70' above sea level

Vine density: 1245 vines per acre

Clones/selections: Pommard, Dijon 115

pH: 3.67

Titrateable acidity: 6.0 g/L

Alcohol: 14.8% by volume

Yield: 2.7 tons of grapes per acre

Barrel aging: 21 months, 50% new French oak

342 cases produced