



# TALISMAN

## **2020 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 family farm is located in the heart of Sonoma Carneros AVA with 4 acres of Pinot Noir grapes and 150 Tuscan Blend olive trees. The vineyard enjoys the cool wind from the San Pablo Bay and Pacific Ocean, which creates a uniquely moderate climate of warm summer days and cool, foggy nights. This perfect weather lends itself beautifully to a long growing season—and it's great for producing excellent Pinot Noir fruit. The vineyard is certified organic vineyard by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and farmed with practices that respect the environment.

The 2020 growing season began with warm temperatures prompting an early budbreak. Following a cool, mild growing season, an August heat spell accelerated ripening, resulting in an early start to harvest. Despite the wildfires in the northern part of Sonoma County, Dawson vineyard, located far to the south was unaffected and produced beautifully balanced fruit. 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 crafted in a very natural way; unfiltered and unfinned, to give us exceptional texture and flavor intensity, then bottled by hand.

### **Tasting Notes**

Such a gorgeous, elegant bouquet; strawberry, honeydew melon, apple blossoms, cherimoya and tangerine zest... the palate is mouthwatering and voluptuous with a hint of very soft tannin and a nifty brightness like a fresh morning breeze. Wonderful flavors of apple, boysenberry, white peach and watermelon linger on in a soft persistent finish.

### **Details**

Fermentation: feral yeast

Vineyard planted in: 2013

Vineyard elevation: 25' above sea level

Clones/selections: 667, 115, Pommard

pH: 3.52

Titrateable acidity: 5.1 g/L

Alcohol: 14.3% by volume

Barrel aging: 5 months in neutral French oak

4 barrels; 99 cases produced