



TALISMAN

2021 Pinot Blanc Dutton Ranch 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

This wine is a great alternative to Chardonnay. Since the mid-1960's, the Dutton family has been one of the most respected grape growers in Sonoma county and have been dedicated to sustaining the land for future generations; the vineyards are farmed Sonoma County Sustainable and Certified Fish Friendly. We were lucky to receive a small allocation of this relatively rare variety.

The 2021 growing season was considered excellent in that it was void of any frost events, heat spikes, rain, fires or smoke: "A cold start to a warm, fast finish". Budbreak was slightly early due to warmer than normal soil temperatures, a result of continued drought. The mild, even growing season produced fruit of superb quality with exceptional flavors and wonderful intensity.

Winemaking was simple, the fruit was gently pressed, the juice was racked off the grape solids the next day, then neutral French oak barrels were filled. After a week or so a native fermentation began and we kept our hands off! The wine was barrel aged for 14 months before bottling. That's it!

Tasting Notes

Such a beautiful and engaging bouquet; guava, pineapple, citrus notes, cherimoya, Asian pear and white flowers. This is a mouthwateringly lovely wine with rich, round, silky texture, yet it's crisp, bright, lively, happy and ebullient. Flavors of tangerine zest, ripe peach, mineral and stone fruit fill your palate. The finish is persistent, it has so much going on, it will require many, many, many tastes!

Details

Fermentation: feral yeast

Vineyard elevation: 140' above sea level

Alcohol: 14.1% by volume

Barrel fermented

pH: 3.19

Titrateable acidity: 7.0g/L

Barrel aging: 9 months in neutral French oak

4 barrels; 105 cases produced