



TALISMAN

2015 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.

2015 was the fourth year of drought in California; the lack of winter rains so many years in a row resulted in very scant yields and thus, considerable concentration in the fruit. Weather during the growing season was wonderfully mild. Harvest was the earliest and fastest in recent memory.

We picked the grapes at Sadie's Vineyard on September 5th. The stems were well lignified, so we included nearly 25% as a whole cluster component. The grapes were sorted and the rest destemmed, then rested until an ambient fermentation took off about a week after harvest. The fermentation, along with frequent punch-downs, went to completion a week later, when the fermenter was sealed up for an extended maceration. About forty days after picking, the tank was drained, the remaining grapes were pressed, and the wine was barreled, using barrels from five different coopers to help add layers of complexity; we selected barrels from all five of our favorite coopers to help create complexity: Marcel Cadet, Remond, François Frères, Dargaud et Jaeglé, and Rousseau. Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel. The wine remained unracked until just before blending and bottling.

Tasting Notes

A beautiful, vibrant garnet hue and an alluring bouquet of cranberry, nectarine and candied apple lure you into this fascinating Sadie's vineyard Pinot Noir. On the palate you'll find herbal, earthy and leathery notes with flavors of pink peppercorn, sweet blueberry, mineral and fresh tobacco. This wine is both edgy and hefty with lively tannins, and a smooth, supple, mouthwatering finish. Adventure in a glass! Yum.

Details

Vineyard planted in: 2009

Elevation: 70' above sea level

Vine density: 1245 vines per acre

Clones/selections: Pommard, Dijon 115

pH: 3.68

Titrateable acidity: 5.5 g/L

Alcohol: 14.4% by volume

Yield: 2.4 tons of grapes per acre

Barrel aging: 19 months, 56% new French oak

223 cases produced