



# TALISMAN

## 2018 Aadastra Vineyard Pinot noir Los Carneros Napa 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

Aadastra is a California Certified Organic vineyard situated in the very heart of the Los Carneros appellation. Located in a low spot with cool air flow and very thin, relatively light clay-loam soils, it is a site with naturally low vigor. The inherently low yields produce extraordinary fruit from vines that require little in the way of manipulation, a hallmark of an exceptional vineyard. Chris Thorpe and his son-in-law Edwin Richards do an incredible job of managing this vineyard that produces wines unlike most Los Carneros Pinot noirs.

The 2018 growing season was ideal. Budbreak was delayed due to late rains that kept soils saturated and cold. Summer arrived with Goldilocks temperatures – neither too cold nor too hot; just perfect. A cooling period in late July put the brakes on and meant that we avoided any late summer heat spikes. Long growing seasons are always highly desirable, as it gives us wines with fully mature, sweet tannins, outstanding color and brightness, depth of fruit, and beautifully balanced wines.

We harvested Aadastra in late September. Feral fermentations started about a week after harvest and a whole cluster component of 25% kept fermentations slow and steady. All of the lots underwent extended maceration prior to pressing and barreling. The wine was aged and went through malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels, including François Frères, Rousseau, Dargaud et Jaegle, Marcel Cadet and Remond for 20 months.

### Tasting Notes

Bright, vibrant, jammy, loud juicy red fruit aromas really get your attention! On the palate it's big, rich, heady and mouthwatering with flavors of red plum, black cherry, brambly raspberry, orange zest and baking spice with hints of mesquite and cedar. Tannins are grippy and fine and the finish is lengthy. Wow.

### Details

Vineyard planted in 1994

Vine spacing: 5' x 7'

Vine density: 1,245 vines per acre

Clones/selections: 2A, Swan, Pommard, Dijon clones 113, 115 & 777

Rootstock: 110R

pH: 3.67

Titrateable acidity: 5.7 g/L

Alcohol: 14.6% by volume

Yield: 1.6 tons of grapes per acre

Barrel aging: 20 months, 67% new French oak

12 barrels; 300 cases produced