



# TALISMAN

## 2018 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 vineyard is located on the Sonoma county side of Los Carneros; with clay soils typical of the area, and is farmed organically. The 2018 growing season started with cooler temperatures and moderate weather that lead to a nice long growing season, allowing grapes to ripen smoothly and evenly. A cool spring meant bloom lasted longer than usual but fruit set was consistent. Summer temps were moderate, then a cooling period in late July meant staving off heat spikes of the past few years and led to harvesting two to three weeks later than past years. All in all a wonderful, smooth and relatively effortless season.

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 made in a very natural way; unfiltered and unfinned, to give us exceptional texture and flavor intensity, then bottled by hand.

### Tasting Notes

Bright, smooth and summertime sensual. Vibrant, airy and crisp with hints of strawberry, white peach and orange blossom on the nose. Round and very flavorful on the mid palate with alluring flavors of honeydew, green apple, apricot and berries. This sassy rosé is lively and flavorful, crafted from Pinot Noir of course... Anytime is Rosé time!

### Details

Year planted: 2000

Elevation: 25' above sea level

Clones: 667, 115, Pommard

Fermentation: feral yeast

pH: 3.83

Titrateable acidity: 5.0 g/100mL

Alcohol: 14.1% by volume

Barrel aging: 5 months in neutral French oak

225 cases produced