



# TALISMAN

## **2020 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 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.

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**

This is a beautiful and complex white wine! The bouquet is rich with tropical aromas; pineapple guava, cherimoya, lychee, honeydew and apricot, along with citrus zest, honeysuckle, sweet cantaloupe and honey crisp apple with a whisper of white pepper... On the palate we find a crisp brightness of mango sorbet, lemoncello and a floral note, like wisteria and a subtle vanilla like tapioca pudding. The texture is soft, smooth and mouthcoatingly silky, trailing off into a nice long finish.

### **Details**

Fermentation: feral yeast

Vineyard elevation: 140' above sea level

Alcohol: 13.7% by volume

pH: 3.42

Titrateable acidity: 6.1 g/L

Barrel aging: 14 months in neutral French oak

3 barrels; 75 cases produced