



TALISMAN

2021 Rosé of Pinot noir Sadie's Vineyard 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 for the family's first German Shepherd, who lived her life blissfully on this 5 acre parcel in beautiful Sebastopol Hills along the chilly Bodega Highway corridor. Shepherd #2, Kodiak, is now in charge of gopher monitoring. As a sweet reward, he gently snags a single ripe grape with his teeth every now and then. 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. 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.

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.

We utilized the classic technique of saignée, or "bleeding" to make this beautiful Rosé, the first from Sadie's Vineyard. Immediately after gently destemming the grapes for our traditional bottling of Sadie's Pinot Noir, we drained a small percentage of the juice from the fermenter into neutral barrels and patiently waited for our native yeasts to perform their magic.

Tasting Notes

Sadie's Vineyard Rosé is spicy, sassy, juicy, lush and rich. So much is going on here; strawberry shortcake, peach, mango and minerality with a sleek elegance... it's fascinating with brightness and depth both in balance, and that classic orange dreamsickle yumminess and lingering dry richness that enhances a delicious meal and a walk on the beach. Exquisite.

Details

Fermentation: feral yeast

Vineyard planted in: 2013

Vineyard elevation: 25' above sea level

Clones/selections: 667, 115, Pommard

pH: 3.34

Titrateable acidity: 6.0 g/L

Alcohol: 14.1% by volume

Barrel aging: 5 months in neutral French oak

4 barrels; 96 cases produced