



TALISMAN

2023 Dutton Ranch Pinot Blanc Russian River Valley

Talisman Winery is dedicated to the crafting of exquisite, soulful wines 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.

California vintners are celebrating the 2023 vintage as exceptional, following a late start to harvest. Plentiful winter rains revitalized the soils and encouraged healthy canopies while cooler temperatures across California in spring and summer allowed grapes to develop gradually, enjoying extra ripening time. Many vintners predict that the 2023 vintage will be one of the finest in years, producing wines with beautiful flavors, vibrant acidity and remarkable balance.

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 9 months before bottling. That's it!

Tasting Notes

Beautiful aromas of brioche, lemon chiffon, cherimoya, ripe nectarine, white peach and a lovely floral component capture your attention right away. This wine is wonderfully velvety, bright and rich, it has a soft entry and glides over the tongue showing wonderful depth. It's mouthwatering with flavors of pear, white flowers, flinty wet granite and alluring sweet fruit. The finish is caressing and persistent. It's yummy.

Details

Fermentation: feral yeast
Elevation: 140' above sea level
Alcohol: 14.2% by volume

Barrel aging: 9 months in neutral French oak
Barrel fermented
Titratable acidity: 7.0g/L
pH: 3.19

9 barrels / 220 cases made