



# TALISMAN

## 2021 Sadie's Vineyard Pinot noir 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 grape growing season in Sonoma County, California was marked by a multi-year drought, cold damage, and limited water availability. However, the season also saw mild temperatures, fog, and a lack of extreme heat, which led to a slightly early harvest with a crop that was heavier than expected. By all accounts, 2021 was an extraordinary vintage across the Sonoma appellations, yielding wines with depth, power, concentration and excellent acid retention, perfect for long-lived ageing and a distinct sense of place. It is a collector's vintage.

We picked the grapes at Sadie's Vineyard on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The stems were well lignified, so we included 25% as a whole cluster component. The grapes were sorted and the rest destemmed, then rested until an ambient fermentation took off about a week after harvest. The fermentation, along with frequent punch-downs, went to completion a week later, when the fermenter was sealed up for an extended maceration. About forty days after picking, the tank was drained, the remaining grapes were pressed, and the wine was barreled, using barrels from five different coopers to help add layers of complexity; Marcel Cadet, Remond, François Frères, Dargaud et Jaeglé, and Rousseau. Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel and the wine remained un racked until just before blending and bottling.

### Tasting Notes

Raspberry, red currant, plum and a nice viscous front end dustiness lure you into this wine with a whisper of fennel and wonderful depth of aromas... on the palate it's juicy and lush with dark, intense red fruit, nice baking spice, black cherry and an attractive flintiness. It's graceful across the mouth with a tiny hint of toastiness and soft caressing tannins. This wine is full bodied and incredibly graceful.

### Details

Vineyard planted in: 2009

pH: 3.86

Elevation: 70' above sea level

Titratable acidity: 5.7 g/L

Vine density: 1245 vines per acre

Alcohol: 14.6% by volume

Clones/selections: Pommard, Dijon 115

Yield: 2.4 tons of grapes per acre

Barrel aging: 16 months, 59% new French oak

17 barrels / 420 cases produced

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