

# 2021 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 family farm is located in the heart of Sonoma Carneros AVA with 4 acres of Pinot Noir grapes and 150 Tuscan Blend olive trees. The vineyard enjoys the cool wind from the San Pablo Bay and Pacific Ocean, which creates a uniquely moderate climate of warm summer days and cool, foggy nights. This perfect weather lends itself beautifully to a long growing season—and it's great for producing excellent Pinot Noir fruit. The vineyard is certified organic by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and farmed with practices that respect the environment.

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.

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; with native yeast and no fining.

## **Tasting Notes**

Such a beautiful, elegant, graceful rosé... It's focused and refined, starting with a wonderful bouquet of apple blossoms, pineapple, white peach and wisteria. The palate is at once crisp and rich, coating the mouth with a delicious silkiness and flavors of lime zest, lemon curd with a whisp of watermelon and lingering on into a nice long finish.

#### **Details**

Fermentation: feral yeast Vineyard planted in: 2013

Vineyard elevation: 25' above sea level

Clones/selections: 667, 115, Pommard

pH: 3.28

Titratable acidity: 6.6 g/L

Alcohol: 13.7% by volume

Barrel aging: 5 months in neutral French oak

13 barrels; 312 cases produced