



T A L I S M A N

2020 ZINFANDEL

FERGUSON VALLEY

Stretched across undulating hill faces, and hugged by the Wellington National Park, lay the lines of these celebrated varieties to become fine wines.

It was John Gladstone's 1965 industry-renowned paper titled The Climate and Soils of South Western Australia in Relation to Vinegrowing that first inspired Kim to look at the Ferguson Valley in the early 1990's.

The predictable rainfall, Mediterranean climate, stable growing season and consistent seasons make for world class growing conditions, that are carefully crafted to build the complexity of flavour that Talisman is renowned for.

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TASTING NOTES

Bright magenta with purple hues and faintly tan hints at the meniscus.

The aroma is lifted and intense, showing the usual strawberry jam fruit with hints of fruit cake, five spice, pepper and anise. The palate again shows the classic varietal strawberry jam or confectionary "redskin" characters. As the wine moves through the palate, so do the sensations of acid, tannin and intense flavours that suggest savoury herbs, pistachio and Earl grey tea leaves. The balance, structure and ripe cranberry fruit flavours

VITICULTURE NOTES

The Ferguson Valley had some of the hottest December days ever, accompanied by the driest December since 2008, conditions that continued through summer. The yields were low, but no bushfires or birds meant the grapes were in perfect condition across all varieties when they arrived into the winery, with purity of varietal fruit, bright and fresh flavours and deep colours.

WINEMAKING NOTES This wine is made from 100% estate grown zinfandel. The individual parcel of fruit was crushed and destemmed into an open fermenter with the inclusion of a large proportion of whole berries. Plunged 3 times daily to avoid over extraction. The wine was pressed before dryness to enable this high alcohol variety to be stirred in tank to finish ferment. Once dry, the wine was transferred to a mixture of barrels. 15% new American oak barriques and the remainder of the wine in seasoned 500 litre puncheons. In these, the wine did malolactic fermentation and was matured for 12 months prior to a light fining and bottling..

QUICK NOTES

Vintage: 2020

Winemaker: Peter Stanlake

Grape Variety: 100% Zinfandel

Vineyard: Talisman Estate

Growing Area: Ferguson Valley, Western Australia

Harvest: 14th March 2020

Fermentation: 100% Whole berry

Alc %/ Vol: 14.6%

Oak: New and 1 yr old French Oak

Cellar: Up to 8 years

