



T A L I S M A N

2021 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

Impenetrable purple red. Dark and brooding. Reminiscent of coal tar, charred meats, liquorice with hints of raspberry and smoky barbeque oak. Rich and mouth filling with big tannins that suggest a long life. The tannins are fine and chalky, mouth filling without being harshly astringent. The wine is very integrated but hints at purple fruits, confectionery raspberries and smokey oak. Great balance between acid and tannin that carry the wine to a lingering finish that suggests prunes, currants and Christmas cake.

VITICULTURE NOTES

The Ferguson Valley experienced an unusually challenging and wet season, where low yields became a blessing in disguise in rallying fruit to ripeness. Canopy management, timing of harvest and careful fruit selection through stringent hand picking proved vital. Cooler and drier conditions in March and April infused perfume, lift, vibrancy and fine tannins.

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: 2021
Winemaker: Peter Stanlake
Grape Variety: 100% Zinfandel
Vineyard: Talisman Estate
Growing Area: Ferguson Valley, Western Australia
Harvest: 4th April 2021
Fermentation: 100% Whole berry
Alc %/Vol: 14.2%
Oak: New and 1 yr old French Oak
Cellar: Up to 8 years

