



# TOLOSA

## Apex Vineyard Pinot Noir 2019 Santa Lucia Highlands

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Apex Vineyard Pinot Noir has been a consistent Single Vineyard selection in the Primera Tolosa allocation since 2015, and we are always anticipating each vintage. We tailored the harvest dates for this vineyard site based on the ripeness of each block. The grapes are picked in small bins and transported to the winery at dawn to guarantee pristine condition of the fruit. The grapes are sorted by the optical sorting machine before a cool fermentation in stainless steel tanks to preserve the freshness. The wine spends 9 months aging in French oak barrels. Typical of its region, this wine paints itself darker, lending more robust flavors of juicy fruit upfront and a bright acidity on the finish.

### ABOUT THE VINEYARD

The Franscioni family has been farming in the Salinas Valley since 1886. The family has a collection of vineyards that produce highly sought-after Pinot Noir grapes. Apex Vineyard consists of 77 acres of Pinot Noir located 28 miles from the cold water of Monterey Bay in the heart of the renowned Santa Lucia Highlands AVA. The vineyard rests high atop a bench receiving morning sun exposure before being influenced ever so slightly by the daily fog and ocean winds. The afternoon sea breeze and evening fog from the Monterey Bay cools the vines and helps the Pinot Noir grapes retain their natural acidity.

<b>Color</b>	Medium garnet
<b>On the nose</b>	Savory nose mixing roasted sesame seeds, crushed rocks, and beef au jus with fruity aromas of pomegranate and wild strawberry.
<b>On the palate</b>	Same fruits carrying into the mouth, with raspberry and raspberry seeds flavors, nice acidity, and evolution on smoky/ashy notes, with rhubarb coming in the finish.
<b>Varietal</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>Fermentation</b>	Stainless steel open top tanks
<b>Aging</b>	9 months in French oak barrels, with 25% of them being new
<b>Vineyard</b>	Apex Vineyard
<b>Enjoy</b>	2020-2029