



# TOLOSA

## EL CORO VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2022 PETALUMA GAP



### ABOUT TOLOSA

*Cowboy dreams of owning a cattle ranch brought Vintner Robin Baggett to Edna Valley. The cold Pacific wind that sweeps down the coast into the transverse valley and a myriad of soils derived from an ancient seabed made him realize he was on a frontier of a different sort. Tolosa is the expression of his commitment to spare no effort to craft nuanced and balanced Pinot Noir and Chardonnay of distinctive character to rival any in the world.*

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 vintage was the third in a string of drought years that brought an early bud break. Despite the drought, there was well-timed spring rain that boosted the vines' vigor. The weather remained relatively mild and even, with routine fog patterns cooling nighttime and morning temperatures. The combination of drought and mild weather led to an earlier harvest of ripe grapes, a blessing considering the significant heat wave that came in early September.

### VINEYARD SOURCES

Located in the very southern reaches of Sonoma County, El Coro Vineyard is only seven miles from San Pablo Bay on Lakeville Highway in the Petaluma Gap AVA which is named for the wind gap in the coastal mountain range that funnels cooling breezes and fog east from the Pacific Ocean through the city of Petaluma and south towards Carneros. Situated on a ridge top, El Coro is dramatically exposed to these breezes and fog. The open exposure creates grapes with thicker grape skins, concentrated fruit and bright acidity. The Keller family planted this twenty-acre vineyard in the early 2000s on volcanic, adobe clay soils to an array of Dijon and historical Sonoma County clones.

### WINEMAKING

After destemming and a three-day cold soak, fermentation took place in open top stainless-steel tanks at a variety of cool and warm temperatures, followed by aging for 11 months in French oak barrels, 22% new.

Sight	Medium red ruby
Nose	Red plum, strawberry jam and black cherry fruit aromas are mixed with lavender, almond extract, anise and dried flowers.
Palate	This medium plus boded wine features broad, balanced flavors of cranberry, blueberry and dark cherry accented by notes of roasted plum, balsamic and black tea.