

TOLOSA

Estate Bottled Wine

2004 TOLOSA "1772" Pinot Noir, Estate Grown

Varietal Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Edna Valley
Production:	1,920 bottles
Suggested Retail Price:	\$52.00

Vineyard Information

Block 580, in the southeastern part of the Tolosa Estate, is planted to a mix of Dijon 115, Pommard, and Mariafeld clones. Despite being a consistent quality producer, this is the first time that it has been included in the blend for the "1772" selection. 2004 was an unusually warm harvest in the Edna Valley, with occasional heat spikes and drying winds that made picking decisions difficult. Vineyard sites like Block 580, planted in somewhat heavier soils, buffered the vines against desiccation, and thus produced higher quality fruit than the more vulnerable hilltop plantings which ripened abruptly under high water stress. 2004 highlighted the huge advantage the Tolosa Estate has, especially in difficult vintages, by having a wide range of climates available to draw upon.

Winemaking & Cellar Information

"1772" was the year in which Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa was established by the Franciscans, bringing the first vineyards to the Edna Valley. Our "1772" Pinot Noir is named in honor of this date, and represents the finest wine of the vintage, selected from our 720 acres of Estate Vineyards. During several sessions of cellar evaluation, this one specific vineyard block repeatedly set itself apart from all others. After much discussion and much more tasting, we further isolated just eight French oak barrels of the very highest quality to become this exclusive "1772" bottling.

Analytical Information

Alcohol:	14.8%
T.A.:	6.2 g/L
pH:	3.72
Brix at Harvest	24.8

Tasting Notes

Dark ruby color, with interlaced aromas of strawberry jam and dry cherry, cinnamon, coffee, and nougat. Sweet and ripe on the palate, with balanced tannins. Spice and earth flavors complement the smoky oak notes. This year's "1772" Pinot Noir is drinking well immediately, due to the warm vintage, but it should endure proper mid-term cellaring.

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