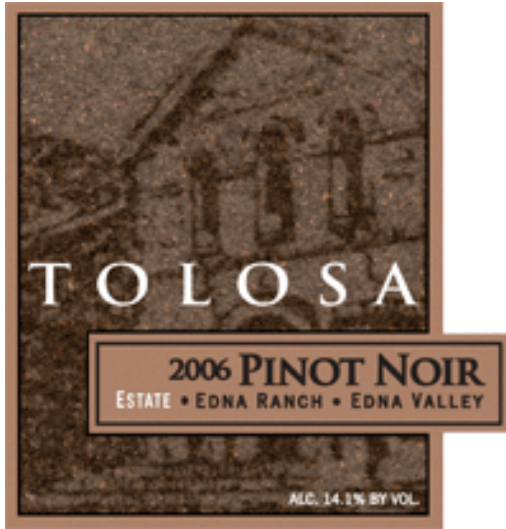


TOLOSA

Estate Wines

2006 Pinot Noir



Varietal:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Edna Valley AVA
Clonal Selection:	Dijon 115, 667 & 777, Pommard, 2A
Alcohol:	13.8%
T.A.:	6.1 g/L
pH:	3.60
Brix at Harvest:	23.7°-25.4°
Cooperage Used:	Sirugue, Mercury
Barrel Regime:	30% new, 30% 1 year and 40% 2 year old, all French Oak
Barrel Aging:	11 months in barrel
Bottling Date:	September 2007
Aging Potential:	3-5 years
Production:	5,200 cases 750ml
Food Pairing:	Grilled Salmon or Mushroom dishes
Suggested Retail:	\$28.00

Vineyard Notes

We select grapes for our Estate Pinot from two of our five vineyard sites. Most of it comes from the vines which immediately surround the winery. The balance comes from hillside blocks a few miles south of the winery on Orcutt Rd. Our most reliable clone for quality is Dijon 667. We also use a good amount of Pommard. Year in and year out 8-10 blocks out of our 20 produce the best wines. These are the ones we lavish extra attention on during both the growing season and the harvest. We farm sustainably in order to maintain health in the environment and for ourselves and neighbors.

Winemaking Notes

The 2006 growing season was most unusual. It was the latest harvest we have ever seen. This means that the grapes final phase of ripening took place under shorter days and cooler nights. This gave us wines with an unusually dynamic palate. Both the acids and the tannins were more active than average. The wines developed more slowly at every stage. We lengthened the fermentation and took particular care in the blending to make certain that the wines were not overly acerbic. Some wines make themselves. This vintage took a bit of coaxing.

The curious thing about our 2006 Pinots is how they have responded to bottle ageing. At every stage prior to it they were tight and a bit rough. It seemed as if they would take a long time to resolve into balanced drinkability. But, as is often the case with Pinot Noir they have surprised us. This Estate bottling in particular is extremely sweet and silky on the palate and should retain this through its youth.

-Winemaker Tasting Notes