

TOLOSA

Estate Wines

“1772” Series

For our “1772” wines we use the region’s historical landmark, Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, for inspiration. We chose the year the Mission was founded, “1772”, as the name for our best wines. Our “1772” wines are carefully selected and crafted from the finest sections of our Estate vineyard. Each vintage our winemaker tastes every barrel in the cellar searching for those rare instances when the wine and the barrel have achieved perfect balance. The harmony created by this process allows the unique regional character to emerge.

Vineyard Notes

The 2007 vintage was remarkable for quality. Almost all of the wine produced was of reserve quality. An early dry spring combined with moderate weather throughout the growing season created this ideal situation. The crop was limited in quantity due to tiny berry size. Because of this, there was much to choose from in creating the 1772 Pinot Noir. Grapes from the vines around the winery contributed the rich fruit character. The two best blocks of Pinot in Edna Ranch East a few miles south of the winery gave structure and spice to the wine.

Winemaking Notes

One of the most curious aspects of great vintages like 2007 is that they don’t require anything exceptional from the winemaker. What defines a great vintage is that the classical recipe works perfectly. The grapes are so perfectly balanced and flavorful that you don’t need to jump through any hoops to get the best out of them. In some sense you just need to get out of the way so that the wine can express itself. With this vintage we destemmed most of it, fermented in small open top tanks. We hand plunged the grapes and drained the free run wine only to barrel after about two weeks. We aged them until just before the next harvest and them bottled, perfectly simple and simply perfect.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

This wine is packed with flavor. It has lots of everything - lots of color, lots of fruit, lots of tannin, and lots of finesse. Its overall impression is of concentration and balance. It's not easy to be both strong and elegant. You might say that this wine has both brains and beauty.

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Varietal: *Pinot Noir*
Appellation: *Edna Valley*
Vineyard: *Edna Ranch*
Vintage: *2007*
Barrels Produced: *34*
Blocks: *513, 518, 596 & 597*
TA: *6.5* pH: *3.6* Brix: *24.7*
Alcohol by Vol.: *14.2%*

Appellation:	Edna Valley AVA
Clonal Selection:	D667, Pommard, 2A
Brix at Harvest:	24.7°
T.A.:	6.5g/L
pH:	3.6
Alcohol:	14.2%
Cooperage Used:	various French
Barrel Regime:	70% new, 30% once used
Barrel Aging:	11 months
Bottling Date:	August 2008
Aging Potential:	8-12 years
Production:	34 Barrels
Food Pairing:	almost anything
Suggested Retail:	\$52.00