

TOLOSA

Estate Wines

"1772" Series

For our "1772" wines we used our town's historical landmark, Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, for inspiration. We chose the year the Mission was founded, "1772", as the name for the best wines. Our "1772" wines are carefully selected and crafted from the finest sections of the 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 heart of our Pinot Noir wine is our plantings in an area we call Mountainside. These vines are a few miles south of the winery on the low hills to the west of Orcutt Rd. This area has thin soil underlain with serpentine that naturally limits the capacity of the vines creating balanced and rich wines. Three of the four blocks that make up this wine come from there. The last block is right in front of the winery. This vintage gave us relatively large berried clusters. It is somewhat richer than the 2008 that preceded it. It was a bit coy about revealing its flavors in the barrel, and as a result difficult to blend.

Winemaking Notes

The object of winemaking here is to bring out the best that the vineyard has to offer, year in and year out. Each year poses its own puzzles. This vintage proved difficult to extract, and had we left it to its own devices it would have been very anemic and pale. Once fermented and drained to barrel it was shy about showing the fruit it had, and we wondered when and if it would open up. Our fears were groundless it turned out, as so many are. The wine showed its class in the bottle.

Winemaker Tasting Notes

The more I like a wine the less I have to say about it specifically, more often than not. This is such a wine. It is medium at best in terms of color and extract, yet the aromas and flavors are intensely delicious and intriguing. It is seamless at the same time producing a silken impression on the tongue. It has my high praise for it is typical and correct.

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Varietal: *Pinot Noir*
Appellation: *Edna Valley*
Vineyard: *Edna Ranch*
Vintage: *2009*
Barrels Produced: *12*
Blocks: *595, 596, 593 & 518*
TA: *5.8* pH: *3.7* Brix: *24.6°*
Alcohol by Vol.: *14.5%*

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Clonal Selection:	D667, Pommard, 2A
Brix at Harvest:	24.6°
T.A.:	5.8 g/L
pH:	3.7
Alcohol:	14.5%
Cooperage Used:	French
Barrel Regime:	40% new
Barrel Aging:	11 months
Bottling Date:	09- 2010
Aging Potential:	5-8 years
Production:	12 Barrels
Food Pairing:	very versatile
Suggested Retail:	\$55.00