



TOLOSA



ABOUT TOLOSA

Cowboy dreams of owning a cattle ranch brought Robin Baggett to Edna Valley. The cold Pacific wind and soils from ancient seabed to limestone 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. Our Single Vineyard series of very small-lot, artisanal wines invites exploration of renowned appellations and acclaimed vineyards throughout California and confirms Edna Valley's place in this distinguished company.

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WINEMAKER NOTES

Grenache is always the last varietal to be harvested at Tolosa, and 2017 was no exception, with the grapes picked at the end of October. The grapes were harvested by hand for early morning delivery to the winery to be destemmed and sorted. The grapes are fermented in stainless steel open top tanks with different yeast strains and temperatures to create more complexity in the wine. As the wine is barreled down, we separate free run and pressed wines to be aged in French oak barrels. The 2017 vintage produced a lush wine, with a classic Grenache tannin structure that shows nicely in the mid-palate.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

We have two different blocks of Grenache growing on Tolosa's estate vineyard, Edna Ranch. Block 544 is in the Poletti section, and block 685 is in the Salaal section. The Grenache grapes coming from the Poletti section offer a juicy textural component. This section is planted at a slightly higher elevation at the base of the foothills of the Santa Lucia Highlands. It receives ample afternoon sun before the coastal breeze and evening fog roll into the valley. The block planted on the Salaal section contributes the velvety tannin structure. These vines are planted on the valley floor, which offers a rich clay soil.

Color	Ruby
On the Nose	Pomegranate, strawberry fruit leather, sassafras cola, show leather, duck pâté, sandalwood and cedar
On the Palate	Bright entrance, with a smooth mid-palate featuring notes of black cherry, pomegranate, cedar and black pepper before transitioning to a long finish
Varietal	Grenache
Fermentation	Stainless steel open top tanks
Aging	14 months in French oak barrels, with 25% of them being new
Vineyard	Edna Ranch