



TOLOSA



ABOUT TOLOSA

Cowboy dreams of owning a cattle ranch brought Vintner Robin Baggett to Edna Valley. The cold Pacific wind that sweeps down the coast into the transverse valley and a myriad of soils derived from an ancient seabed 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.

1772 PETITE SIRAH 2017

Edna Valley

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2017 vintage was an ideal vintage for Petite Sirah in Edna Valley. The warm Indian summer resulted in a luscious fruit profile and produced phenolic ripeness, which stands out in the silky tannin structure. The grapes were handpicked and conveyed through the optical sorter upon their arrival to the winery. Petite Sirah is a robust varietal that benefits from a delicate fermentation and tannin extraction. This was the first vintage we used only American Oak for our new barrels. Their staves are seasoned for 48 months, instead of the standard 36 months, which contributes to a softer touch and little spice on the wine.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Tolosa's estate vineyard, Edna Ranch, is comprised of 6 vineyard sections. The Petite Sirah comes from the Poletti section, where the vineyard is situated in a slightly warmer microclimate, which helps the Petite Sirah fully ripen. The site produces a balanced fruit that benefits from the coastal fog and wind to retain the natural acidity. The soil composition is an ancient seabed offering good drainage that stresses the vines to develop a concentrated berry. The site is planted with clone 3, a clone that produces small berries, which intensifies the color and tannin in the wine.

Color	Inky purple
On the Nose	Crushed stone, violet, plum, blackberry preserve, cedar dust and a hint of fresh thyme
On the Palate	A big burst of fruit and violet, highlighting crème de Mûre, leading to a dense mouthfeel with a juicy acidity, resulting in a long finish with notes of cedar, herbs, and a hint of black truffle
Varietal	Petite Sirah
Fermentation	Stainless steel open top fermentation tanks
Aging	17 months in American oak barrel, with 25% of them being new
Vineyard	Edna Ranch
Case Production	125