



# 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.*

## SALAAL 2017

Edna Valley

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Salaal serves as satiating red blend of Syrah and Grenache from Tolosa's estate vineyard, Edna Ranch. The 2017 vintage shines in this wine, showcasing an inviting lushness. In a typical vintage, Syrah and Grenache are the last varietals to ripen from the cooler Edna Valley climate, yet in 2017, the Indian Summer made a statement with warmer fall weather to boost the ripening process for both varietals. Due to the nature of the riper vintage, all lots received a cool fermentation to enhance the fruit, freshness and structured profile. Fermentation occurred in stainless steel tanks. The grapes were pressed, and the wine was then barreled down to complete primary fermentation, while reducing tannin extraction. The wine aged for 18 months in barrel.

### ABOUT THE VINEYARD

The Syrah component of this wine comes from the Hollister section of Edna Ranch. This section of the vineyard is the closest of the estate to the Pacific Ocean, the moderating influence of which supports the cool climate characteristics of Edna Valley Syrah. The Grenache grapes come from the Poletti and Salaal sections of Edna Ranch. The grapes from the Poletti section experience a slightly warmer mesoclimate, assisting the grapes to ripen. The Grenache grapes from the Salaal section are planted on the valley floor and are always the last grapes to be harvested for the vintage due to the deep soils.

<b>Color</b>	Deep ruby
<b>On the Nose</b>	Savory aromas of bacon, black pepper, with some notes of black cherry, strawberry preserve, clay, cinnamon and a hint of mocha
<b>On the Palate</b>	The acidity floods the palate featuring notes of ripe strawberry and an attack of black cherry transitioning to earthy notes of tobacco, with integrated tannins highlighting the acidity lingering on the finish
<b>Varietals</b>	72% Syrah, 28% Grenache
<b>Fermentation</b>	Fermented in stainless open top fermentation tanks
<b>Aging</b>	18 months in neutral French oak barrels, with 16% of them being new
<b>Vineyard</b>	Edna Ranch