



TOLOSA



1772 SYRAH 2017

Edna Valley

WINEMAKER NOTES

Syrah is always one of the last varietals to be harvested off Tolosa's estate vineyard, Edna Ranch. The Syrah grapes take their time to achieve ideal phenolic ripeness due to the cool weather of the Edna Valley. In 2017, we experienced a warming trend during the Indian summer, which expedited the grapes to be picked mid-October. The Syrah was perfectly ripe, which produced a full-bodied and juicier style of wine. We fermented two lots separately: one at a warmer temperature to accentuate the lusciousness from the vintage and another lot at a cooler temperature to preserve the freshness. The wine was aged for 17 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels, with 25% being new.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

The Syrah grapes for this wine come from the Hollister section of Edna Ranch. The Hollister sections lies on the westside of the Edna Valley. As a result, this vineyard section is the closest section of Edna Ranch to the Pacific Ocean, a mere 5 miles as the crow flies. We pick Syrah from two blocks which are planted on gravelly and sandy limestone soils. The vines are easily stressed from the soil type which develops concentrated grapes. This wine features clone 99, which is known to be a late ripening clone producing bigger berries and clusters.

ABOUT TOLOSA

Cowboy dreams of owning a cattle ranch brought Robin Baggett to Edna Valley. The cold Pacific wind and soils from ancient sea bed 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.

Color	Inky with ruby red hue
On the Nose	Violet water, fleshy black cherry, crushed rock, mint, and graham cracker, with a hint of cured meat
On the Palate	Bright acidity, with notes of raspberry, blackberry, vanilla and coffee bean featuring a dense mouthfeel
Varietal	Syrah
Fermentation	Fermented in stainless, open top fermentation tanks
Aging	17 months in a combination of neutral French and American oak barrels, with 25% of them being new
Vineyard	Edna Ranch
Case Production	550