



# 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.*

## BIEN NACIDO SYRAH 2017

Santa Maria Valley

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The goal with this wine is to capture the true expression of Syrah grown from the iconic Bien Nacido vineyard known for the varietal. Syrah adapts to where it is grown and showcases distinct character from the site. The elevation, orientation and rocky soil cause the Bien Nacido Syrah to be picked two weeks before Syrah from our estate. The grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks, at cool temperature to bring out the bright expression of the fruit. To manage tannins extraction, we pressed before the end of fermentation; therefore, the wine finished primary in barrels. It spent 18 months ageing in French oak barrels with 42% of them being new to cater to its expansive characteristics.

### ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Bien Nacido Vineyard is located just south of San Luis Obispo county in the Santa Maria Valley. The Syrah grapes come from block 11b perched on the eastern ridge of the canyon offering spectacular views of the famous property. The Syrah block is planted on a southwest orientation and rocky soils. The soil is perfect for stressing the vines to produce a small but mighty grape packed with concentrated beauty. The Santa Maria Valley receives a coastal sea breeze and marine layer that produces a climate ideal for producing a cool climate, savory Syrah.

<b>Color</b>	Inky with purple hue
<b>On the Nose</b>	Beef bark, roasted sesame seed, cedar, tar, nori
<b>On the Palate</b>	A bright acidity and a rich mid-palate, featuring notes of plum, blackberry, cedar, tobacco, beef rub and bacon fat on the finish
<b>Varietal</b>	Syrah
<b>Fermentation</b>	Stainless steel open top fermentation tanks
<b>Aging</b>	18 months in French oak barrels, with 42% of them being new
<b>Vineyard</b>	Bien Nacido Vineyard
<b>Case Production</b>	120