



TOLOSA



STONE LION PINOT NOIR 2017

Edna Valley

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Stone Lion Pinot Noir is crafted to exhibit a bold and rich structure, while maintaining the lusciousness we love about California Pinot Noir. It starts in the vineyard where we select lots that yield a slightly riper grape and schedule the harvest at peak ripeness. We ferment the lots at a higher temperature to extract more tannin and build an extra textural layer. The wine is aged for 9 months in French oak barrels with 30% of them being new. The subtle increase of new French oak on this wine, helps build its richer mouthfeel.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

As this wine encapsulates a series of great Pinot Noir blocks from the estate vineyard, Edna Ranch, it highlights Pinot Noir from the Monighetti section. This section of the vineyard produces Pinot Noir clone 667, one of my favorite clones to work with from the estate as it produces a complete wine. This section is one of the first to see budbreak in early spring and experience veraison in July. This wine also features a medley of Pinot Noir clones: Pommard, 777 and 828 from the Stornetta and Hollister sections of Edna Ranch.

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.

Color	Ruby
On the Nose	Savory beef au jus, black pepper, thyme, with sensuous notes of red plum, strawberry, violet, and coffee beans
On the Palate	Notes of grenadine syrup, leather, and violet featuring well-integrated tannins with a fattiness and round mouthfeel
Varietal	Pinot Noir
Fermentation	Fermented in stainless open top tanks
Aging	9 months in French oak barrels, with 30% of them being new
Vineyard	Edna Ranch