



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 2018

Edna Valley

VINTAGE NOTES

2018 was a very long growing season due to cooler temperatures early on. Luckily, summer provided very consistent temperatures that helped the vines catch up. Nevertheless, Petite Sirah is one of the last varieties to ripen at Tolosa, and these grapes were picked the first week of November.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Our small block of Petite Sirah is located in the Poletti section of Edna Ranch. The light, well drained soils and low fertility of this block produce smaller berries with a great color and concentration.

WINEMAKING

The biggest issue with Petite Sirah is tannin management. To achieve that, the grapes are destemmed and fermented at warm temperatures in an open top stainless steel tank. In addition, pump overs are done twice a day for extra aeration. The wine is raked to barrel just before the end of fermentation. The wine is then aged for 18 months in a combination of predominantly French with some American oak barrels.

Visual	Opaque, blackish ruby
Nose	Youthful, powerful aromas of blackberry, blueberry, cassis and fig accented by notes of baking cocoa, fennel, cardamon, black pepper and tobacco.
Palate	Full bodied with firm tannins. Similar concentrated ripe fruits alongside Italian leather, dark chocolate and balsamic reduction flavors and a lovely savory quality.