



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.

STONE LION PINOT NOIR 2018

Edna Valley

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Stone Lion Pinot Noir is liquid muscle with powerful minerality and energetic fruit characteristics. The mild growing season allowed us to harvest the grapes in late September, as preferred for this commanding style of wine. We allow certain vineyard blocks to hang on the vine longer to achieve optimal ripeness, which builds a slightly bolder tannin structure complimented with a luscious mouthfeel. The wine is fermented in stainless steel open top tanks at a warmer temperature to extract more tannin and add textural layers. The wine aged in French oak barrels for 9 months, with 23% of them being new.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

This vintage of the Stone Lion Pinot Noir is comprised of 3 vineyard sections from Tolosa's estate vineyard, Edna Ranch: Hollister, Monighetti, and Stornetta. The Hollister section provides the Pommard clone which creates great structure to the wine. The Monighetti section contributes the HMR clone, which builds the density to the wine. The Stornetta section offers clone 667 to tighten everything together. The vineyard sections of Edna Ranch are a mere 5 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The combination of the cool coastal influence and the ample afternoon sunshine produces a balanced Pinot Noir with a brave personality.

Color	Ruby red
On the Nose	Leading notes of fleshy black cherry, grenadine, cinnamon, strawberry jam, sandalwood and a hint of black licorice, with pine on the finish
On the Palate	The red fruit transfers to the palate, with notes of rose petal and black cherry on the fattier mid-palate, transitioning to a rich and earthy finish with notes of red beets, black truffle and black tea
Varietal	Pinot Noir
Fermentation	Fermented in stainless open top tanks
Aging	9 months in French oak barrels, with 23% of them being new
Vineyards	Edna Ranch
Case Production	300