



# TOLOSA

## CUVÉE PINOT NOIR 2019

Edna Valley

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage had a really late harvest, but it unfolded nicely. The steady, moderate weather created almost perfect growing conditions allowing us to make calculated picking decisions. Usually, we see a wider range of picking dates at the various vineyard sites; however, in 2019, all the blocks were picked within two weeks of each other. The 1772 Cuvée is a blend of extraordinary Pinot Noir lots from appellations across California. This wine represents a precise collaboration that showcases and preserves the unique character of each region.

### VINEYARD SOURCES

As 2019 was a cooler vintage, we decided to follow the trend of the growing season and focus on cooler AVAs as our Cuvée base: we put 58% of Santa Maria Valley and 16% of Petaluma Gap to create a zesty, soft, red fruit-oriented base. To add another layer of complexity, we used 13% of Santa Lucia Highlands which brought fruit complexity and savory notes, 6% Sta. Rita Hills to darken the wine and bring a little structure and 6% of Russian River to add more tannins and spicy notes.

### WINEMAKING

As usual, all our Pinot Noir lots are destemmed, the fruit is then sorted and goes into stainless steel open top tanks for primary fermentation. Depending on the lot, it stays in tank for 15 to 21 days and is then pressed off and barreled down for aging. Usual aging time for our Pinot Noir is 9 months. To showcase the purity of the fruit and minimize oak impact, we used 16% new and 25% one year old French oak.



### 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.*

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