



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 2019

Edna Valley

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage was a classic expression of a cool climate Pinot Noir. Stone Lion is a Pinot that is on the bolder side of all the Pinot Noirs we make from Edna Ranch. It will have a little more weight, a little more structure than our other offerings. But thanks to the cool growing area it comes from, it will still have some acidity and freshness to balance it all. There is also a little bit more oak impact as well, as we put new barrels in this program.

VINEYARD SOURCES

The fruit that went into this wine came from mainly two sections of Edna Ranch. Monighetti (25%) and Stornetta (59%), and the balance being from Hollister. Multiple picks were made within a section, so there is still diversity in the lots. The clonal composition is dominated by the Pommard clone (59%), and the second dominant one is 667 (25%). The balance is split between few others (115, 777, HMR). This is a wine dominated by two strong clones that are completed by nature in the Edna Valley.

WINEMAKING

The fruit is picked at night, destemmed and sorted with the optical sorter. It is then fermented in our open top tanks. We inoculate with yeast and use three different strains to change the profile of the lots. We tend to use lots for this wine that came from hot fermentations. Extraction is done with pump over once or twice daily, with aeration mid-way through fermentation. Aged for 9 months in 100% French oak barrels, 30% of them being new. We always use a little bit more new oak to age our Stone Lion Pinot Noir.

Visual	Deep ruby
Nose	Cherry preserves, lingering strawberry notes with white pepper, turmeric and frankincense.
Palate	Juicy, medium-light body with sandalwood, persimmon, and pomegranate seed linger on the palate. Well structured pinot with savory tannins and a lengthy finish of tea, leather, and hay.