



# TOLOSA

## MINDEGO RIDGE PINOT NOIR 2022 SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS



### VINTAGE NOTES

A dry winter and cool spring delayed bud break and slowed bloom and fruit development. Warmer summer weather, however, prevailed through August, followed by an unexpected heat wave of eight days in early September. Reduced yields, a result of drought conditions over the last two years, combined with warmer temperatures have produced an expressive vintage featuring ripe, concentrated flavors.

### VINEYARD SOURCES

Hidden in the western forests of the Santa Cruz Mountains AVA near the town of La Honda, Mindego Ridge is located at almost 1,000 feet, just eight miles from the Pacific Ocean with southern exposures and old, fractured shale-based soils. This tiny ten-acre, dry farmed vineyard is surrounded by native Redwoods, and was developed in 2009 by Dave and Stacey Gollnick who planted an exciting array of new Dijon clones that thrive in the cool, wet climate of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

### WINEMAKING

Predominantly Clone 114, the 2022 vintage features five different Dijon clones. After destemming and a three-day cold soak, fermentation was done in open top stainless steel tanks at a range of warm and cool temperatures. The wine was aged for 11 months in 100% French oak with 25% new barrels.

### 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.*

Sight	Medium dark red ruby
Nose	Bright, pure aromas of raspberry, blueberry and cherry liqueur intermingle with notes of clove, minerals and lavender.
Palate	Medium-bodied flavors of cranberry and Rainier cherry are accented by leather, mushroom and cola with a distinct structure for aging.