

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 GRENACHE 2020

Edna Valley

VINTAGE NOTES

With a late bud break and a dry, mild summer, the 2020 growing season looked a lot like 2019, and on par as a cooler vintage. Grenache has always been one of our late ripening varieties; fortunately, flavors developed faster than 2019, which allowed us to pick earlier and capitalize on the excellent sugar and acid balance in the grapes.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Traditionally, grapes for this wine came from our Salaal block on Edna Ranch. In 2020, almost all of the grapes came from the Morro View Vineyard, another Edna Valley vineyard that's five miles from the Pacific Ocean. The excellent exposures and rocky soil of Morro View gives a wonderful structural component, accented by the dash of Salaal.

WINEMAKING

Much like our Pinot Noir, these grapes were fermented separately in open top stainless-steel tanks and feature a mix of cool and warm fermentations. Warm fermentation brings the intense burst of berry notes and velvety texture, while cold fermentation adds freshness and structure. Aged for eight months in 100% French oak, 30% new, some of the French Oak was larger oak puncheons to preserve freshness.

Visual Medium light ruby red

Nose Aromas of cherry preserves, strawberries, ripe plum, thyme, red licorice and

new leather.

Palate Medium full body with pomegranate and ripe plum flavors, dusty earth and

savory herbs, accented by integrated tannins makes this wine excitingly

approachable.