



# 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.*

## NO OAK CHARDONNAY 2020

Central Coast

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage was very similar to the 2019 vintage, a cooler vintage with late bud break and an overall mild growing season. However, flavor development was slightly further ahead in 2020, allowing us to pick grapes earlier with plenty of flavor and overall lower alcohol.

### VINEYARD SOURCES

Grapes for this wine were primarily from our Edna Ranch vineyard, along with a portion from Southern Monterey County. Both vineyard sources feature Clone 4, one of California's original Chardonnay clones. Both regions benefit from proximity to the Pacific Ocean and overall cooler growing conditions provided by a consistent marine layer and afternoon winds. The Edna Ranch grapes provided a ripe, rich component to this wine, despite being picked almost three weeks ahead of the Monterey County grapes which added a more acidic, textural profile.

### WINEMAKING

Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks, featuring five different lots and five different yeast strains that gave us more complex aromas and flavors. The naturally high acidity of this wine was tempered by lees stirring that extended into January for this particular vintage. The wine was aged a total of five months in stainless steel and did not go through malolactic fermentation thus highlighting the exceptional fresh fruit character of the wine.

<b>Visual</b>	Medium yellow, hints of gold
<b>Nose</b>	Clean, pure aromas of golden delicious apple, lemon custard, honeydew melon, pear and papaya complimented by notes of honey, shaved almonds, brioche, and citrus blossom.
<b>Palate</b>	Medium bodied with similar fruit notes as the nose, highlighting the golden apple, lemon custard, melon, and pear. A rich, very balanced wine framed by juicy acidity.