

# TOLOSA

# Gunsalus Vineyard Pinot Noir 2021 Green Valley of Russian River Valley

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 vintage began with a cold start and progressed to a warmer end of season. Lower crop levels and moderate weather with no significant heat waves led to a slightly earlier, compressed harvest. The combination of a smaller crop and moderate weather have produced grapes with a great intensity of flavor, ripeness and concentration.

### **ABOUT THE VINEYARD**

Pam and Glen Gunsalus left their careers in medical research in 2001 to develop their eponymous vineyard near the town of Graton in Green Valley, the cooler western corner of the Russian River AVA. This ten-acre, northwest facing vineyard is surrounded by forest and features the classic Goldridge sandy loam soils Russian River is known for, planted to a mix of Dijon clones.

### WINEMAKING

After destemming and a three-day cold soak, fermentation took place in open top stainless-steel tanks at a range of warm and cool temperatures. Aged for 11 months in 100% French oak with 18% new barrels.

Sight	Medium dark ruby red
Nose	Aromas of dark cherry, plum and blackberry are intermixed with notes of roasted nuts, black pepper, dark chocolate, nutmeg and tarragon.
Palate	Medium full bodied with concentrated ripe blueberry, dark cherry, plum, cola, forest floor and cinnamon flavors with an excellent structure for aging.