



TOLOSA

SEA BED CHARDONNAY 2021

Edna Valley

VINTAGE NOTES

2021 was a mild growing season. Although the vines experienced high winds effecting bloom and cooler weather patterns slowing down fruit development, we are seeing wines that have great acidity and beautiful fruit expression. Harvest began later than average, starting in mid-September, and waiting until the first week of November to bring in the last block.

VINEYARD SOURCES

This wine is mainly made from lots coming from our first Chardonnay picks, which we started to harvest on September 17th. We used components coming from two different blocks to make this wine, all from the Poletti section: block 569 (90%) and block 594 (10%). The clone percentage in the wine mirrors the block's planting ratios: 90% Tepusquet and 10% clone 4.

WINEMAKING

Since the 2021 vintage was cooler, the acidity is even more exacerbated than usual in the Sea Bed Chardonnay, making it a great candidate for aging. But if drunk young, it will be the perfect sipper on a warm summer evening. With this style of Chardonnay, we like to take advantage of the fermentation and short aging in barrel, but without the new oak impact. This wine was barrel fermented in 100% neutral French oak barrels. Fermentation temperature is kept cold to preserve the aromatic compounds. No malolactic fermentation or lees stirring occurred to keep a leaner mid-palate and a razor-sharp acidity. We chose components from 5 different lots for the final blending of the Sea Bed Chardonnay 2021 - all fermented with a different yeast which brings a unique complexity to the wine.



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	Silver with green rim
Nose	Youthful, powerful aromas of crunchy pear, crisp apple and lime on the nose accented with fennel fronds and resin.
Palate	Light to medium body. Great tension with hints of granny smith apple, and a slight saltiness on the finish.