



TOLOSA

GUNSALUS VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2022 GREEN VALLEY OF RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



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.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 vintage was the third in a string of drought years. Despite the drought, there was well-timed spring rain that boosted the vines' vigor. The weather remained relatively mild and even, with routine fog patterns cooling nighttime and morning temperatures. The combination of drought and mild weather led to an earlier harvest of ripe grapes, which proved to be a blessing considering the significant heat wave that came in early September.

VINEYARD SOURCES

After successful careers in medical research, Pamela and Glen Gunsalus purchased property in 2001 near the town of Graton in the heart of the Green Valley of Russian River Valley AVA and planted ten acres of Pinot Noir to Dijon clones 114, 115, and 777 on a northwest facing slope. Located in the southwest corner of the Russian River Valley, Green Valley is very cool and foggy. This manicured vineyard features a combination of Goldridge and Sebastopol loam soils surrounded by forest that is blessed with good air drainage and significant afternoon warmth late in the season.

WINEMAKING

After optical sorting, destemming and a three-day cold soak, fermentation took place in open top stainless steel tanks at a variety of temperatures, followed by aging for 11 months in French oak barrels, 14% new. "The cool location of this vineyard is somewhat deceptive, as the warm afternoons in 2022 provided excellent ripeness and balance, encouraging an earlier harvest." - Winemaker Frederic Delivert

Sight	Medium red ruby
Nose	Deep, dark aromas of black cherry, plum, and blueberry are accented by notes of red licorice, caramel, leather, forest floor and clove.
Palate	Medium plus body with similar black cherry, plum, and blueberry notes complimented by culinary herbs, cardamon, cream soda and grenadine with a long, fruit-filled finish.