

# TOLOSA

# **RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR 2022**

#### Russian River

## **VINTAGE NOTES**

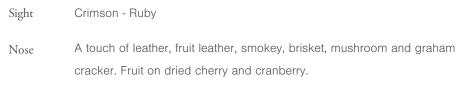
The 2022 growing season in the Russian River Valley delivered a classic cool-climate profile, marked by moderate summer temperatures and a timely, even-paced harvest. The Pinot Noir for this vintage was harvested on August 22, 2022, at a ripeness level of 23.6° Brix, ensuring balanced sugars and acid retention. These growing conditions provided ideal phenolic development and preserved the variety's signature elegance and vibrancy.

#### **VINEYARD SOURCES**

This wine hails exclusively from the Starr Road Vineyard, also referred to as Vineyard Eleven, situated in the heart of the Russian River Valley AVA. Known for its fog-laden mornings and sunny afternoons, this vineyard site is particularly well-suited to Pinot Noir. The 2022 bottling is composed of 100% Pommard clone, renowned for producing wines of expressive red fruit, refined tannins, and complex spice elements.

### WINEMAKING

Fermented in open-top bins without a cold soak, the must began with non-Saccharomyces yeast to build aromatic complexity before transitioning to traditional strains. A cool, 18-day fermentation below 82°F preserved freshness and finesse. The wine completed full malolactic fermentation and aged 9 months in 60-gallon French oak barrels (24% new) with medium to medium-long toast.



Juicier than expected from the nose. Touch of rose, dark cherry, baking cacao. Medium body, velvety texture. Acidity brings a nice freshness, maybe even tartness. Finishes on earthy notes.



#### ABOUT TOLOSA

Established in 1998, Tolosa Winery is nestled in the heart of San Luis Obispo's Edna Valley and within the San Luis Obispo Coast AVA.

Specializing in ultra-premium Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, Tolosa strategically partners with California's most renowned winegrowers and esteemed vineyards in its sourcing of exceptional, sustainably-farmed wine grapes. The winery is celebrated for its innovative winemaking techniques and unwavering dedication to sustainable practices, artfully highlighting the diverse terroirs of the finest grape-growing regions in California.

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