



TOLOSA

PINOT NOIR 2023

STA. RITA HILLS



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.

VINTAGE NOTES

A wet winter with 150% of average rainfall preceded an extended, cooler spring. As a result, bud break was delayed and vineyards were tracking about 4 weeks behind a normal year, which stayed that way through a moderate summer with temperatures staying in the 70's and 80's. Harvest began in early October, almost a month later than 2022 and the long, mild growing season enabled grapes to develop deep, complex flavors with exceptional balance.

WINEGROWING NOTES

At the very western edge of the Santa Ynez Valley, the vineyards in Sta. Rita Hills benefit from the Pacific Ocean's cooling influences, less than twenty miles away. Several coastal valleys, formed by the presence of the Purisima Hills to the north and the Santa Rosa Hills to their south, funnel the cool Pacific breezes through the vineyards. The soils in the Sta. Rita Hills are primarily sandy loams, silt loams and clay loams with numerous marine deposits. Grapes for this wine came primarily from the Purisima Hills region near Highway 246.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Grapes for this wine were optically sorted and destemmed before cold soaking for 4 days at moderate temperatures. Fermentation took place at moderate temperatures in open top stainless-steel tanks. The wine was aged for ten months in French oak barriques of which 24% were new.

Sight	Medium light ruby red
Nose	Appealing aromas of cranberry, pomegranate and green strawberry accented by notes of celery seed, carnation, button mushroom and thyme.
Palate	Medium bodied flavors of cherry and cranberry along with leather, tarragon and cocoa.