

# TOLOSA



### **ABOUT TOLOSA**

At Tolosa, we are true believers in the special terroir that is Edna Valley, nestled amongst the northwest to southeast running volcanic hills of San Luis Obispo County and the frontier for the most complex cool-climate varietals in California. Our Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays reflect the cold Pacific wind that sweeps down the coast and funnels into the valley, as well as the remarkable diversity of soil types: ingredients for nuanced and balanced wines of distinctive character.

## **1772 GRENACHE 2016**

### **Edna Valley**

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Due to our long, cool growing season, Grenache is always the last varietal we harvest, waiting to get that perfect moment of ripeness. 2016 was no exception. We hand pick the fruit in 35 lb lug bins in order to be extremely gentle on the clusters. Once the fruit reaches the winery, we hand sort the clusters into our destemmer and then through our optical sorter to ensure only the best berries make it into our fermenters. For this vintage, our two different blocks were inoculated with two different strains of yeast to create two very distinct wines. Both lots were aged separately to develop their own individual characteristics. After 14 months of aging, each lot was tasted barrel by barrel to select only the best barrels for the final blend.

#### ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Two different blocks from our Edna Ranch were used to make this wine: one situated in the Salaal section and the other one in the Poletti section. The first one brings more structure to the wine, while the second one provides more of a fruity profile.

Color Dark garnet with purple rim

On the Nose Meaty, leathery, forest floor, wet cedar and a slight touch of green tobacco

at first. Opens on pomegranate juice and red currant with a touch of

orange zest.

On the Palate Flavors of plum, cherry pit and pomegranate. Some cedar plank with allspice

and nutmeg. Finishes with a lingering of baking chocolate. A big wine with

present but fine tannins.

Blend Grenache

Fermentation 100% stainless steel

Aging 14 months in barrel, 20% new

Vineyards Edna Ranch

Case Production 427

Alcohol by Vol. 14.4%