



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 PETITE SIRAH 2016

Edna Valley

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2016 vintage produced an elegant expression of Petite Sirah. The Petite Sirah from Tolosa's estate vineyard requires more hangtime to achieve phenolic ripeness, guaranteeing the tannins are full developed to produce a balanced structure. We used a very gentle winemaking approach by implementing a delicate extraction and fermentation process. Petite Sirah is broad and big enough to be aged in a combination of French and American oak barrels. The staves for the American oak barrels are uniquely dried for 48 months compared to the usual 36 months, which contributes a softer touch of that oak on the wine.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

The vineyard block sits on a berm in the Poletti section of Tolosa's estate vineyard, Edna Ranch. This vineyard site is situated in a slightly warmer microclimate in the Edna Valley which helps bring the Petite Sirah to full ripeness and the best maturity. The soil composition is an ancient sea bed offering good drainage that stresses the vines to develop a concentrated berry. The site is planted with clone 3, a common California clone that produces small berries and contributes to the high tannin levels, which frames the wine's ability to age.

Color	Inky purple
On the Nose	Warm blackberry compote, crème de cassis, chalky limestone, anise and a subtle balsamic character
On the Palate	Oily violet, rich black cherry, licorice and sandalwood on the finish showcasing well integrated tannins that are ripe and present, but aggressive
Varietal	Petite Sirah
Fermentation	Stainless steel open top fermentation tanks
Aging	Aged for 18 months, in French and American oak barrels, with 20% of them being new
Vineyard	Edna Ranch
Case Production	170