



TOLOSA



ALBATROSS RIDGE PINOT NOIR 2017

Carmel Valley

WINEMAKER NOTES

Albatross Ridge Vineyard is a unique site to work with, and we are pleased to welcome back this Single Vineyard for the 2017 vintage after missing it deeply due to low yields in 2016. We receive clones 828, 777 and 115 which create a nicely balanced wine with fruit aromatics and a tender structure. With the cool climate and limestone shale soils, Albatross Ridge produces a wine with acidity and delicacy much in comparison to the great wines of Burgundy. The wine from Albatross Ridge experienced a cooler and gentle fermentation to protect the softer profile of the wine. This wine is so elegant we prefer to incorporate one puncheon to minimize the oak impact on the wine.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Perched 7 miles from the Pacific Ocean on a mountaintop of ancient uplifted seabed with gravelly loam, limestone and shale soils similar to those found in Burgundy, Albatross Ridge Vineyard offers a unique minerality to the wine. With the combination of the soil type and steep grades of 25%, the vineyard produces exceptionally low yields of less than 2 tons per acre. The vineyard is planted in a cool, windswept area at an elevation of 850 to 1250 feet. The cool climate and long growing season allow the grapes to gradually ripen, maintaining a racy acidity.

ABOUT TOLOSA

Cowboy dreams of owning a cattle ranch brought Robin Baggett to Edna Valley. The cold Pacific wind and soils from ancient seabed to limestone 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. Our Single Vineyard series of very small-lot, artisanal wines invites exploration of renowned appellations and acclaimed vineyards throughout California and confirms Edna Valley's place in this distinguished company.

Color	Ruby with a rose-pink rim
On the Nose	Fleshy black cherry, pomegranate, crushed rock, dried rose petal, and white pepper tree with an undertone of blond tobacco
On the Palate	Offering a super fresh and juicy acidity with a nice minerality of wet stone showcasing pomegranate, cherry pit, and strong tobacco lingering on the finish
Varietal	Pinot Noir
Fermentation	Stainless steel open top fermentation tanks
Aging	9 months, in French oak barrels with 25% of them being new
Vineyards	Albatross Ridge Vineyard
Alcohol by Vol.	12.2%