



TOLOSA



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.

APEX PINOT NOIR 2017

Santa Lucia Highlands

WINEMAKER NOTES

Apex Vineyard is planted at an elevation of 1250' which can often be above the fog line, offering more sun exposure to the fruit. Also, with its location at the south end of the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA, the strong sea breezes from Monterey slow down as they reach this vineyard site. These components of terroir are expressed in the riper style showcased in the 2017 vintage. We use two of the classic Dijon clones: 115 and 777. They are fermented in their own fermentation tanks and aged separately before being re-associated in the final blend. The fleshy fruit characteristics and bright acidity are the perfect benchmark for an exceptional Pinot Noir from the Santa Lucia Highlands.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

The Franscioni family has been farming in the Salinas Valley since 1886. Ray Franscioni's Apex Vineyard consists of 84 acres located in the heart of the southeast facing terraces of the Santa Lucia Mountain range overlooking the Salinas River Valley. Due to the nature of the soils, the vines naturally produce a low yield. 28 miles from the cold water of Monterey Bay, the vineyard receives morning sun exposure before being influenced by the daily fog and ocean breezes.

Color	Deep garnet with strawberry red rim
On the Nose	Cherry pie filling, cinnamon sticks, baking cocoa, cherry cola, leather and soy sauce
On the Palate	A smooth texture and a balanced acidity with notes of juicy plum, candied cherry, poached pear, crushed rock and brown tobacco 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	Apex Vineyard
Alcohol by Vol.	14.6%