



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.

SOLOMON HILLS VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2017

Santa Maria Valley

WINEMAKER NOTES

Solomon Hills Vineyard is another gem in the world of cool climate Pinot Noir. From the three clones we get from this site, 777, 115 and Pommard, the main tasks of winemaking are to capture the brightness of the fruit and the power of aromas and flavors, and to manage the tannin structure. These tasks are achieved by keeping the temperature of fermentation on the cooler side and executing a gentle extraction process.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Solomon Hills Vineyard experiences a long and mild growing season perfect for the style of Pinot Noir we are seeking. Located at the westernmost end of the Santa Maria Valley AVA, the vineyard sits in the valley widely open to the Pacific Ocean only 10 miles away and gently slopes towards it, so you can actually see the dunes from the vine rows. Our blocks are located on the valley floor with sandy soils and receive an aggressive afternoon sea breeze which serves as a moderating influence.

Color	Dark ruby with a pink rim
On the Nose	Cedar, citrus rind, rose petals, eucalyptus, Rainer cherry, black tea and a touch of salinity
On the Palate	A bright acidity with a well-rounded mouthfeel showcasing notes of rhubarb, pomegranate, cherry pit, and crushed black pepper, leading to notes of white raspberry on the finish with well coated tannins
Varietal	Pinot Noir
Fermentation	Stainless steel open top fermentation tanks
Aging	9 months, in French oak barrels with 25% of them being new
Vineyards	Solomon Hills Vineyard
Alcohol by Vol.	14.2%