



TOLOSA

1772

WINE CLUB

2021 JANUARY NEWSLETTER



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NEWS FROM THE WINEMAKER

Welcome 2021! We have been waiting to say this for a while now, and we are finally here. It feels so good, and we graciously accept what awaits in the new year. Although 2020 brought us many obstacles, we learned a lot and persevered. There is no doubt the unique times of 2020 made us stronger as a company.

In the cellar, we are starting this new year in a good spot with our 2020 vintage. Yes, harvest was challenging; however, we will remember the 2020 vintage forever. We went through the busiest time of the year wearing masks for long hours and taking extra sanitation precautions. We started picking Pinot Noir on August 22nd and we completed the last crush on October 23rd. We did it all healthy and safe. We finished harvest earlier than the past two vintages, which allowed us time to assemble some of the wine bases before our winter holiday break. Now, we are already preparing our 2021 bottling schedule, and we are just a few weeks away from putting some of 2020 vintage into the bottle!

Our vines have gone dormant but that does not mean there isn't anything happening in the vineyard. The cover-crop was recently seeded and can be seen growing between every other row. We are winterizing the vineyard by applying erosion control. This is usually done with straw, straw waddles and sandbags. With our sustainable practices, we are applying compost to many of our vineyard blocks. Compost improves the structure of our soils, which subsequently will increase our irrigation efficiency. Compost also brings nutrients and encourages the production of helpful bacteria and fungi. This will ultimately create healthier soils which will benefit our vines for the future.

Talking about wine, I really like the diversity of your January shipment, because it is a great example of Edna Valley's potential. Yes, Tolosa is a Pinot Noir and Chardonnay house, so you will be able to enjoy our signature 1772 wines, as we feature the 1772 Chardonnay 2019 and 1772 Pinot Noir 2018, but you will also discover or re-discover how enjoyable Syrah can be when grown in a cool climate area, especially with the 2018 vintage. Finally, if you are more a fan of broader, more robust wines for cold winter days, you will not be disappointed with our 1772 Petite Sirah 2017.

Enjoy these wines, and we look forward to toasting together at the winery this year!

Cheers and Happy New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frederic Delivert". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Frederic Delivert, Winemaker

SAVE THE DATES – 2021 WINE CLUB SPECIAL TASTING EXPERIENCES

Supper Club

Saturday, February 13, 2021 | 6pm-9pm

Discover Your Palate with Master Sommelier Bob Bath

Sunday, March 7, 2021 | 11am-1pm

Rosé Release Brunch

Sunday, March 14, 2021 | 10am-12pm

For tickets and more information, visit: **www.tolosawinery.com/events**

You may also contact our Event Manager Holly Holliday:

805.782.0500 ext. 157 or **hholliday@tolosawinery.com**

We've missed you and look forward to being together again and celebrating life at Tolosa! While we are unable to offer events open to the public at this time, we are thrilled to be able to offer special tasting experiences to our Wine Club members and their invited guests. These experiences have been designed to reflect the utmost in safety, social distance, and cleanliness as we navigate these times.

Please note that the dates for these intimate tasting experiences may change due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control. Please be sure to check the Calendar on our website, as we will be updating information and changes as they occur.

Event tickets may be limited, and reservations are required. Must be 21 years or older.

VISIT OUR TASTING ROOM VIRTUALLY

Tolosa Uncorked creates a gathering that evokes the San Luis Obispo wine country in your home, virtually. Near or far, making a trip to wine country may not fit in your calendar, but an interactive tasting with our Virtual Tasting Ambassador makes an authentic tasting experience accessible. Wine has a way of bringing people together. Connect with friends, family and colleagues, and escape to the San Luis Obispo Coast. Tolosa Uncorked encourages reconnection thru open conversations, education and laughter, all while enjoying our distinctive wines. Taste together, learn together and cheers together!

For questions or to book your reservation, contact Tolosa Virtual Ambassador **Faith Comé at fcome@tolosawinery.com or call (805) 782-0500 ext. 144**

VISIT OUR TASTING ROOM

We'd love to see you at the winery. Please check our website for our current operations.

www.tolosawinery.com/Visit

Reservations Required

Make a reservation through our new TOCK Reservation system.

Choose between three unique tasting experiences.

www.exploretock.com/tolosawinery

2021 JANUARY RELEASES

1772 Pinot Noir 2018 - *Mixed and Red*

1772 Syrah 2018 - *Mixed and Red*

1772 Chardonnay 2019 - *Mixed and White*

1772 Petite Sirah 2017 - *Red Only*

Pacific Wind Chardonnay 2019 - *White Only*

1772 Pinot Noir 2018

Edna Valley continues to establish itself as one of the premier locations for Pinot Noir in California. In the 2018 vintage, it all came together, weather and winemaking. This wine is a signature example of Edna Valley with its bright red cherry, strawberry and cranberry fruit flavors. It is winemaker Fred Delivert's judicious use of new oak for only nine months and no stems that allows the fruit to take center stage. The 1772 Pinot Noir 2018 possesses that ideal combination of being approachable now, and this wine will develop a lovely complexity over the next seven years. Make sure you enjoy it in a large Pinot Noir glass and watch it really shine paired with grilled salmon and cilantro / pecan pesto.

1772 Syrah 2018

Syrah is one of those rare varieties that is equally expressive in cool and warm climates. In addition to the cool Edna Valley climate, the gravelly / sandy soils on our Edna Ranch naturally limit the yields of our Syrah vines, leading to more concentrated flavors in the wine and the 2018 vintage provided ideal ripeness. Edna Valley is home to some of the most famous Syrah in California, and this wine furthers that claim. This wine has a rich, boysenberry fruitiness that will probably result in an empty bottle much quicker than normal. On the other hand, it will be fun to follow this wine's development over the next ten years as it gains even more complexity. This delicious pork marbella recipe is an ideal match.

For more information on these releases and recipe links to the pairing suggestions, visit <https://www.tolosawinery.com/The-Wines/1772-Series> and click on View Product Details under each of the featured wines.

Tasting notes and pairing suggestions provided by Master Sommelier Bob Bath.

WARNING: Drinking distilled spirits, beer, coolers, wine and other alcoholic beverages may increase cancer risk, and, during pregnancy, can cause birth defects. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/alcohol

1772 Chardonnay 2019

Being in the shadow of a great vintage like 2018 can hide wines that would normally be considered exceptional in any other year. Such is the case for the 1772 Chardonnay 2019, a wine that possesses that rare combination of focus and grace that so many California Chardonnays simply ignore. The pear, golden delicious apple and nectarine flavors are what makes this wine so delicious now, but its bright acidity and long finish remind all of us this wine would love another year or two to show its true potential. This type of wine makes all rich seafood dishes taste better, and a Grilled Turbot with Celery Leaf Salsa Verde dish is a special evening waiting to happen.

1772 Petite Sirah 2017

There will always be fans of dramatic wines like this, and Petite Sirah is the perfect grape for winemakers to “go big” in the wine world. The secret is how you tame the Petite Sirah grape and bring out its complexity rather than just sheer power. Winemaker Fred Delivert achieved that complexity by using a more delicate fermentation process and a combination of mostly older French and American oak barrels that were dried an extra year. That subtle oak aging combined with the cool growing conditions of Edna Valley naturally produced a more balanced style of Petite Sirah. Even with those restraints, this is still a concentrated, full bodied red wine that has bright blueberry and blackberry flavors and a tannic structure that will preserve this wine for ten to fifteen years. A wine like this needs a boldly flavored dish to match, and a garam masala short rib roast with pistachio crust will stand up nicely.

Pacific Wind Chardonnay 2019

There are several reasons why Edna Valley is such a great place for Chardonnay, the cooler weather here brings out a complexity in this grape that other regions simply don't have. Pacific Wind Chardonnay is typically richer and fuller bodied than the Sea Bed, but not at the expense of acidity. There is a lovely balance of richness and acidity in this wine along with a firm texture which are quickly becoming signature characteristics of Edna Valley Chardonnay. The 2019 vintage produced wines that show very well in the near term and this wine will be particularly delicious over the next seven years. This wine should also be served at 55 to 60 degrees and try pairing it with a delicious chicken and grilled corn taco dish.

ADDITIONAL 1772 WINES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

	Price	Wine Club Price
2019		
1772 Viognier 750 ml <i>limited</i>	\$46	\$36 ⁸⁰
1772 Sauvignon Blanc 750 ml <i>limited</i>	\$46	\$36 ⁸⁰
Sea Bed Chardonnay 750 ml <i>limited</i>	\$60	\$48
Pacific Wind Chardonnay 750 ml <i>limited</i>	\$60	\$48
2018		
Pure Chardonnay 750 ml	\$48	\$38 ⁴⁰
1772 Chardonnay 750 ml	\$58	\$46 ⁴⁰
Pacific Wind Pinot Noir 750 ml	\$72	\$57 ⁶⁰
2017		
Cuvée Pinot Noir 750 ml <i>limited</i>	\$70	\$56
1772 Pinot Noir 750 ml	\$70	\$56
1772 Pinot Noir 1.5 L	\$155	\$124
Stone Lion Pinot Noir 750 ml	\$70	\$56
1772 Grenache 750 ml	\$70	\$56
1772 Syrah 750 ml	\$70	\$56
Bien Nacido Syrah 750 ml	\$70	\$56
Salaal 750 ml	\$70	\$56
2016		
1772 Pinot Noir 1.5 L	\$150	\$120

\$1 Shipping on Orders of a Case or More

Contact us to inquire about our Single Vineyard Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs and our flagship, Primera.

Order online www.tolosawinery.com or email sfouts@tolosawinery.com

You may also visit the tasting room or call us at 805.782.0500

2021 WINTER BONUS — EXCLUSIVE WINE CLUB OFFER

Perinet Duo

We are excited to share this unique offering from our sister winery, Perinet. Expand your palate and enjoy a taste of the Priorat, Spain with this collection of 2015 and 2016 Perinet Red Blends. The rugged Montsant mountains of Catalonia define the Priorate both visually and viticulturally. Paired with hot, arid summers and Mediterranean breezes, these are the conditions where traditional Garnatxa and Carinyena find their highest potential. With active viticulture dating to the 12th Century, the Priorat is as Old World as it gets. As the premier destination winery in the region, Perinet honors that history and infuses it with New World leadership and innovation.

Perinet 2016

Blend 31% Garnatxa, 26% Carinyena, 20% Syrah, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot

Aging 15 months in 40% new and 55% in 1-year old French oak, with 5% new American oak

Vineyards Mas d'en Xes and Mas Vell

Perinet 2015

Blend 33% Garnatxa, 25% Carinyena, 25% Syrah, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon

Aging 15 months in 90% new and 10% neutral French oak

Vineyards Estate vineyards Mas d'En Xes, Mas Vell and Pendants

Perinet is otherwise sold at full retail, unless you are a member of the Perinet wine club.

To reserve your Winter Bonus allocation, contact Director of Wine Clubs Brittney O'Brien: brittney@tolosawinery.com or call 805-782-0300 ext. 124