



# TOLOSA



## ABOUT TOLOSA

*Cowboy dreams of owning a cattle ranch brought Robin Baggett to Edna Valley. The cold Pacific wind and soils from ancient sea bed 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.*

## 1772 CHARDONNAY 2018

Edna Valley

### WINEMAKER NOTES

In 2018, the fall weather was mild yet consistent, which allowed us to take our time harvesting the grapes to make sure they were picked at preferred ripeness. The wine was fermented in 100% French oak barrels and stirred up to 3 times a week to build complexities. Malolactic fermentation was late to start and finish. The wine was showing an attractive acidity, so we cut back on new oak to harmonize all components of the Chardonnay. The cooler vintage shines in this wine showcasing the fresh fruit, tension and minerality of Edna Valley.

### ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Tolosa's estate vineyard, Edna Ranch, is located in the cool climate Edna Valley. The Edna Valley lies within a transverse valley, an old extension of the sea. The vines receive a moderating influence from the Pacific Ocean preserving the natural aromas and crisp acidity in the grapes. The cooler vintage allowed the grapes to hang on the vine longer to yield intense flavor while maintaining the bright acidity. The grapes for this Chardonnay are planted on an elevated sea bed, with limestone and marine sediment, which supports the minerality in this wine.

<b>Color</b>	Lemon yellow with silver and green highlights
<b>On the Nose</b>	Lemon curd, fresh tropical white pineapple, white stone fruit, an herbal note of thyme, honeycomb, and nutmeg with a hint of limestone
<b>On the Palate</b>	Bright acidity floods the palate, showcasing notes of grapefruit, yellow peach pit, fresh cut flower stem, clove and a chalky minerality on the finish
<b>Varietal</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Fermentation</b>	French oak barrels
<b>Aging</b>	9 months in French oak barrels, with 20% of them being new
<b>Vineyard</b>	Edna Ranch