



TOLOSA



ABOUT TOLOSA

Cowboy dreams of owning a cattle ranch brought Robin Baggett to the San Luis Obispo Coast. 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 our home's place in this distinguished company.

SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS PINOT NOIR 2021

VINTAGE NOTES

2021 was a cool growing season and a dry year; almost 2/3 of the total rainfall occurred in one 72-hour period. The marine layer and cooler weather conditions delayed grape development, but sunny and warmer weather in September assisted the vines in catching up. Fruit quality was excellent, with grapes showing outstanding phenolic development and lower pH levels.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Santa Lucia Highlands AVA is located west of Salinas on a raised plateau with gravelly loam soils at 1,250 feet in altitude. Southeastern exposures and cool ocean breezes from Monterey Bay ensure a long growing season. Grapes for the 2021 vintage came from the heart of the AVA which has slightly warmer growing conditions.

WINEMAKING

After destemming and a three-day cold soak, fermentation took place in open top stainless-steel tanks at a range of warm and cool temperatures. Aged for 9 months in 100% French oak with 21% new barrels.

Visual	Medium light ruby red
Nose	Bright cherry and raspberry aromas are framed by notes of potpourri, cherry cola, roses and mushroom.
Palate	Medium bodied, lively rhubarb, cranberry and cherry flavors with hints of leather, fennel and tea.