



# TOLOSA



## ABOUT TOLOSA

*Cowboy dreams of owning a cattle ranch brought Vintner Robin Baggett to Edna Valley. The cold Pacific wind that sweeps down the coast into the transverse valley and a myriad of soils derived from an ancient seabed 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.*

## 1772 PINOT NOIR 2020

Edna Valley

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage began with a cool winter and some much-needed rain that spurred a later than usual bud break. The growing season was mild overall, however, and the onset of early summer weather allowed the grapes to catch up. For our Pinot Noir, we saw the fruit mature earlier than usual, with flavors developing at an early Brix. Grapes for this wine were picked with bright, expressive fruit character in late August.

### VINEYARD SOURCES

This attractive Pinot Noir portrays three different vineyard blocks from Tolosa's estate vineyard, Edna Ranch: Monighetti (47%), Stornetta (35%) and Hollister (18%). The clonal composition is also diverse: Pommard (35%), 667 (24%), 115 (11%) and HMR (7%). This is a nice selection of strong clones that will bring a complexity in the fruit and a solid structure to this wine.

### WINEMAKING

The fruit was picked at night, destemmed, and sorted with our optical sorter. It is fermented in our stainless steel open top tanks. We inoculate the yeast and use three different strains to change the profile of the lots. Extraction is then done with pump overs twice daily. This wine is then aged for 9 months in 100% French oak barrels, 24% of them being new.

<b>Visual</b>	Ruby
<b>Nose</b>	Aromas of White Pepper, cured meat, juicy cherry with rose pedals and vanilla.
<b>Palate</b>	Smooth and juicy with a light body, pomegrate juice and herbal notes. Really long with lingering hay and cedar notes, cherry.