

## Primera Pinot Noir 2018 Edna Valley

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Tolosa's flagship Pinot Noir, Primera, is a small lot barrel selection of the best fruit from Tolosa's estate vineyard, Edna Ranch. The grapes are hand-picked in the early morning in small yellow bins to avoid undue pressure on the fruit. The grapes are sorted by an optical sorting machine before fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Every tank is tasted daily to build the extraction regime. Fermentation was executed at a cooler temperature to preserve the bright fruit and freshness of the 2018 vintage. This wine was aged for 9 months in French oak barrels, with 22% being new, and a lighter toast to allow the vintage to shine through.

## ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Our home vineyard, Edna Ranch, is located in the coolest appellation in California – a mere 5 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The northwest to southwest orientation of the transverse Edna Valley allows fog and prevailing winds to funnel into the valley from Morro Bay, creating a microclimate ideal for ripening delicate Pinot Noir grapes. A myriad of soil types, including the holy grail for Pinot Noir - limestone, share the landscape from which our winemaker crafts Primera: a delicate yet powerful package.

Color Medium ruby

On the nose Bright red fruits highlighted by pomegranate, Rainier cherries and candied

raspberry are joined by hints of dried fig, with fine grained leather and

baking spices

On the palate Black cherry, red beet, raspberry, rhubarb, cinnamon and ground herbs

Varietal Pinot Noir

Fermentation Stainless steel, open top fermentation tanks

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Vineyards Edna Ranch

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## 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.