

TOLOSA

2024 CHARDONNAY CENTRAL COAST

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2024 vintage began with a relatively dry winter that created an earlier bud break than 2023. A warmer April and cooler May provided excellent bloom and fruit set conditions. Mild weather prevailed through the summer, but a warm August and smaller heat waves in early September provided a perfect last push to ripeness and excellent picking conditions for rose and white varieties.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Two different sources in Monterey County were used in this vintage. One close to Gonzales and the other further north in Arroyo Seco. Our Arroyo Seco vineyard features rocky soils enhanced by a cool, windy climate and produces grapes with a refreshing fruitiness and bright acidity, while our Gonzales vineyard has more clay soils and slightly warmer growing conditions that produce ripe, rich flavors.

WINEMAKING

First produced in 2003, this wine was formerly known as "No Oak" Chardonnay. Fermentation with just a variety of yeasts took place primarily in stainless steel tanks, with just 4% fermented in neutral French oak. This wine did not go through malolactic fermentation, however, light stirring of the lees during five months of aging provided additional richness.



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.

Sight Pale yellow with greenish highlights

Nose Clean, fresh aromas of fuji apple, meyer lemon and honeydew melon

accented by notes of apple blossom, brioche, chives, and

button mushroom.

Palate Medium bodied, concentrated fruit flavors of green apple,

tangerine, lemon lime, and nectarine with refreshing acidity and

an underlying chalky minerality.