



TOLOSA

DRUM CANYON VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2022 STA. RITA HILLS



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.

VINTAGE NOTES

A dry winter and cool spring delayed bud break, slowing down bloom and fruit development. Warmer summer weather, however, prevailed through August, followed by an unexpected heat wave of eight days in early September. Reduced yields, a result of drought conditions over the last two years, combined with higher temperatures, have produced an expressive vintage featuring ripe, concentrated flavors.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Drum Canyon was developed by the Dierberg family between 2003 and 2005. Located between Lompoc and Buellton on Highway 246, Drum Canyon is on the eastern edge of the Santa Rita Hills AVA just north of Santa Barbara. Known for its steep hillsides and southern exposures, morning fog gives way to afternoon maritime winds that slow ripening and produce small concentrated grape bunches. Two of California's historic Pinot Noir Clones, Calera and Swan are planted here in sandy, loamy soils.

WINEMAKING

In the 2022 vintage, there is slightly more Calera than Swan clone. After destemming and a three-day cold soak, fermentation occurred in open top stainless steel tanks at a range of warm and cool temperatures. The wine was aged 11 months in 100% French oak barrels, 22% new.

Sight	Medium red ruby
Nose	A diverse array of aromas that include dark cherry, cranberry and bramble berry fruits accented by licorice, savory dried herbs and cola.
Palate	Medium full body with a round mouth coating, concentrated flavors of raspberry and pomegranate enhanced by notes of ginger, mushroom and dark earth.