



# TOLOSA

## Mindego Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir 2021 Santa Cruz Mountains

### VINTAGE NOTES

2021 was an exceptional growing season that began with warm weather during flowering followed by milder weather through the season. Grapes benefitted from this longer hang time, particularly after they reached twenty degrees. Brix and were harvested in late September with excellent phenolic development at lower alcohol levels.

### ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Hidden in the western forests of the Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, the ten-acre Mindego Ridge Vineyard was developed in 2009 by Dave and Stacey Gollnick. Located just eight miles from the Pacific Ocean with southern exposures and shale-based soils, Mindego Ridge is planted to an exciting array of new Dijon clones.

### WINEMAKING

After destemming and a three-day cold soak, fermentation was done in open top stainless-steel tanks at a range of warm and cool temperatures. Aged 11 months in 100% French oak with 41% new barrels.

<b>Sight</b>	Medium ruby red
<b>Nose</b>	Black cherry and pomegranate fruit aromas are accented by notes of cocoa, lavender, tea, gravel, toast and dried leaves.
<b>Palate</b>	Medium bodied, concentrated flavors of juicy blueberry, rhubarb, raspberry and plum, with notes of crushed rock, cherry cola and citrus that leads to a long, powerful finish.