



TOLOSA



ABOUT TOLOSA

Cowboy dreams of owning a cattle ranch brought Robin Baggett to Edna Valley. The cold Pacific wind and soils from ancient seabed to limestone 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. Our Single Vineyard series of very small-lot, artisanal wines invites exploration of renowned appellations and acclaimed vineyards throughout California and confirms Edna Valley's place in this distinguished company.

BIEN NACIDO CHARDONNAY 2017

Santa Maria Valley

WINEMAKER NOTES

Bien Nacido Vineyard is located in the Santa Maria Valley, which produces a moderate and long growing season that allows the fruit to take its time to ripen. With these cool conditions, our selected block featuring Chardonnay clone 4 was harvested on October 13th, which was the last lot to be harvested. In addition to the Chardonnay grapes being picked later, this vintage experienced a long and slow fermentation. The wine received great attention and a nurturing winemaking process which brought out more complexities in it. In order to reduce the impact of new oak on the wine, a portion of the Chardonnay was fermented and aged in a puncheon.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Sixteen miles from the Pacific Ocean, Bien Nacido benefits from one of the longest growing seasons in California, punctuated by mild sunny days, an afternoon sea breeze and cool, foggy nights and mornings to moderate the temperature of the vines. Additionally, the vineyard is tucked away on the valley floor in a pocket that is cooler than the rest of the valley. The vineyard soils are Elder series which consist of well-drained gravelly loam formed from acid shale and sandstone.

Color	Medium gold with green highlights
On the Nose	Yellow peach, orange marmalade, tropical notes of passionfruit, banana, and pineapple leading into notes of vanilla wafer cookie, hay and wet stone
On the Palate	Offers a generous and rounded mouthfeel including notes of ripe apricot, orange custard, and fresh lime, with floral and mineral notes of limestone while showcasing a rich mid-palate with lingering honeydew melon
Varietal	Chardonnay
Fermentation	Fermented in French oak barrels including one puncheon
Aging	9 months, in a combination of neutral and new French oak barrels with 25% of them being new
Vineyards	Bien Nacido Vineyard
Alcohol by Vol.	14.0%