



TOLOSA

RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR 2022

Russian River



VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 growing season in the Russian River Valley delivered a classic cool-climate profile, marked by moderate summer temperatures and a timely, even-paced harvest. The Pinot Noir for this vintage was harvested on August 22, 2022, at a ripeness level of 23.6° Brix, ensuring balanced sugars and acid retention. These growing conditions provided ideal phenolic development and preserved the variety's signature elegance and vibrancy.

VINEYARD SOURCES

This wine hails exclusively from the Starr Road Vineyard, also referred to as Vineyard Eleven, situated in the heart of the Russian River Valley AVA. Known for its fog-laden mornings and sunny afternoons, this vineyard site is particularly well-suited to Pinot Noir. The 2022 bottling is composed of 100% Pommard clone, renowned for producing wines of expressive red fruit, refined tannins, and complex spice elements.

WINEMAKING

Fermented in open-top bins without a cold soak, the must began with non-Saccharomyces yeast to build aromatic complexity before transitioning to traditional strains. A cool, 18-day fermentation below 82°F preserved freshness and finesse. The wine completed full malolactic fermentation and aged 9 months in 60-gallon French oak barrels (24% new) with medium to medium-long toast.

ABOUT TOLOSA

Established in 1998, Tolosa Winery is nestled in the heart of San Luis Obispo's Edna Valley and within the San Luis Obispo Coast AVA. Specializing in ultra-premium Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, Tolosa strategically partners with California's most renowned winegrowers and esteemed vineyards in its sourcing of exceptional, sustainably-farmed wine grapes. The winery is celebrated for its innovative winemaking techniques and unwavering dedication to sustainable practices, artfully highlighting the diverse terroirs of the finest grape-growing regions in California.

Sight	Crimson - Ruby
Nose	A touch of leather, fruit leather, smokey, brisket, mushroom and graham cracker. Fruit on dried cherry and cranberry.
Palate	Juicier than expected from the nose. Touch of rose, dark cherry, baking cacao. Medium body, velvety texture. Acidity brings a nice freshness, maybe even tartness. Finishes on earthy notes.