



# MORGAN

CRAFTING HIGHLANDS' HISTORY



## 2018 TONDRÉ GRAPEFIELD PINOT NOIR

<i>appellation:</i>	SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS
<i>vineyards:</i>	TONDRÉ GRAPEFIELD
<i>clones:</i>	777, 115
<i>soils:</i>	SANDY CHUALAR LOAM (GRANITIC)
<i>climate:</i>	COOL, REGION I+
<i>alcohol:</i>	13.9%
<i>acidity:</i>	5.8 G/L
<i>pH:</i>	3.59
<i>cooperage:</i>	11 MONTHS AGING IN FRENCH OAK; 40% NEW
<i>production:</i>	126 CASES
<i>retail price:</i>	\$65.00

### THE GRAPE

Whether drawing upon our own vineyards or working with exceptional neighboring properties, our winemaking team has a long track record of crafting world-class Pinot Noir.

### THE PLACE

Tondré Grapefield has earned a reputation as one of the Santa Lucia Highlands' top vineyards. Well-drained hillside soils and crop size limited by afternoon fog and cool breezes are a recipe for great Pinot Noir. Tondré Grapefield is the result of Tondré Alarid's desire to establish a vineyard, and his son Joe's resolve to produce ultra-premium wine grapes.

The vintage commenced with precipitation much below average, though reservoirs remained full through the season after a very wet 2017. January and February were warm, resulting in premature budbreak in select parcels, increasing worries of frost as nighttime temperatures dipped below freezing on February 23rd and 24th. Luckily, no harm was done, and the following months saw temperatures at, and often below, seasonal averages. 2018 was a classically cool growing season in Monterey- an epic year for Morgan's cool climate varieties.

### THE WINE

The grapes were completely destemmed after hand sorting. Manual punch downs produced a wine with supple texture and soft tannins. The wine was transferred to 40% new French oak barrels for malo-lactic fermentation and 11 months of aging.

On the nose is raspberry gummy candy, highlighted by allspice and forest floor. Red and black fruits are framed by a medium body with soft tannins, making this wine extremely food friendly. Grilled salmon, roast chicken, or Beef Bourguignon are all great pairings.