

# TOYON

## 2018 TOYON

The name Toyon is derived from a native shrub found growing in the sandy hills and terraces that surround our beautiful vineyard. The Toyon is blended using a unique combination of grape varietals grown on and off our estate, creating a seamless wine that is unlike anything else we produce.

**Zaca Mesa Vineyard:** Situated less than 30 miles from the Pacific Ocean, our vineyard is composed mainly of free-draining Chamise soils. These shallow soils are found on dissected terraces and eroded hillsides with elevations between 1300 and 1500 feet above sea level, creating the perfect site within the Santa Ynez Valley for growing world-class Rhône varieties.

**Vogelzang , TTT, and Happy Canyon Vineyards:** The Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara AVA is in the warmest, eastern-most region of the Santa Ynez Valley. It's higher daytime temperatures, combined with free-draining gravelly loam soils make this area ideal for growing Bordeaux varieties.

Our 2018 vintage of the Toyon exemplifies the fantastic fusing of oak influences and natural fruit flavors together as one. On the nose, the bouquet is richly complex and chock full of charred plum, blackcurrant, and sweet cigar. The harmonious integration of French oak barrels complements the black fruits alongside notes of smooth molasses and shaved cedar. The tannins are fine-grained and supple, expanding across the whole palate with each sip. Chocolate and sweet toasted oak flavors are delicately balanced by vibrant black cherry and plum skin. Savor a glass alongside a sausage & wild mushroom wood-fired pizza; your next date night is sorted.

### VINEYARDS

Zaca Mesa, TTT,  
Vogelzang, Happy  
Canyon

### COMPOSITION

Cabernet Sauvignon,  
Syrah, Mourvèdre, Petit  
Verdot

### AGING

21 months in 25%  
new French oak

### APPELLATION

Santa Ynez Valley

### ALCOHOL

14.8%

### PRODUCTION

397 cases

### WINEMAKING AND VINEYARD TEAM

*Kristin, Randy, Agustin, Ruben, José, Ramirez & Marlisa*



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