

# TOYON

## 2019 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.

**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.

The wine is a deep, brooding purple color that matches its power. On the nose are mouthwatering notes of chocolate dipped strawberries and cherries, pink peppercorn, and a whiff of new leather. The palate is brimming with dark red fruit flavors and boasts chewy tannins that will do well with age and decanting. At the finish is a spritely dash of nutmeg and cinnamon spice. Pair the 2019 Toyon with fall dishes like roasted squash, jerk chicken, or Capirotada (Mexican bread pudding) to play on the nutmeg and cinnamon baking spices.

### VINEYARDS

Zaca Mesa, TTT, and Happy Canyon

### COMPOSITION

Proprietary blend: Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Rhône varieties

### AGING

19 months in neutral oak barrels

### APPELLATION

Santa Ynez Valley

### ALCOHOL

14.9%

### PRODUCTION

545 cases

### WINEMAKING AND VINEYARD TEAM

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

