



THOMAS GEORGE ESTATES

ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2012

STARR RIDGE VINEYARD

BACKGROUND

Founded in 2008, Thomas George Estates Winery is an artisan Russian River Valley producer of small lot, vineyard designated wines with a focus on Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

The Baker family has assembled an estate vineyard program that includes four distinct and coveted vineyards—Baker Ridge, Starr Ridge, Cresta Ridge and Sons & Daughters Ranch. Offering a diversity of microclimates, soil types, exposures, vine age and clonal material, these exceptional vineyard sites provide Thomas George Estates with a complex palette of fruit from which to craft its limited-production wines. These artisan wines are handmade in small lots in a style that emphasizes balance, brightness and terroir-inspired sophistication.

The winery acquired Starr Ridge Vineyard in 2008, planted in the late 1990's by Gary and Debbie Farrell. Starr Ridge is located to the east of Thomas George Estates, providing the winery with a compelling and dynamic array of Estate fruit from which to produce its small lot bottlings.

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley, California

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

WINEMAKING & VINTAGE NOTES

This 2012 Chardonnay features Dijon clones 95 and 96 from our Starr Ridge Vineyard located on Starr Road in the Russian River Valley. The clusters were harvested on September 17–21. The fruit was whole cluster pressed to tank, settled, and racked to 79% French oak barrels (27% new) and 21% concrete egg. This Chardonnay was fermented for just over three weeks at temperatures between 59°–63° F.

AGEING

The lees in each barrel were stirred every two weeks for four months, then allowed to settle. Malolactic conversion was inhibited at 15%.

TASTING NOTES

Bright and fresh, this wine comes across lean with incredible underlying complexity. The nose exudes fresh lemon, fennel, and white flowers. Flavors of lemon crème and vanilla almond help make this our most Meursault-like Chardonnay thus far. Framed by great acidity and fresh, juicy fruit. Enjoy now and cellar through 2021.

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WINEMAKER

John Wilson

TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity
6.4 g/L - pH: 3.38
Alcohol
14.2%

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE:
\$38.99