



THOMAS GEORGE ESTATES

ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2013

BAKER 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.

Baker Ridge Vineyard and the Thomas George Estates winery are located just off Westside Road in the acclaimed Middle Reach region of the Russian River Valley. Both the vineyard and winery were originally owned by winemaking legend Davis Bynum, who was the first individual to establish a winery on Westside Road, and the first to bottle a wine using the Russian River Valley appellation designation. Building on this legacy, the Baker family has reinvigorated the vineyard and winery (with Davis's enthusiastic support), replanting all but the most coveted old Pinot Noir vines, and building a state-of-the-art winemaking facility within the hop kilns buildings that housed the original winery. As part of the revitalization of this beautiful and iconic property, the Bakers have added an expansive crush pad and 8,000 square feet of caves for optimal barrel storage, and winery events.

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley, California

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKING & VINTAGE NOTES

This wine comes from our Estate Vineyard contiguous with our winery site. This wine comes from the eight acres of vines planted more than 20 years ago by Davis and Hampton Bynum. This Pinot Noir features Swan, Pommard, Martini, 777, and Dijon clones from three different soil types. The clusters were hand harvested, sorted, destemmed, and sorted again into open top fermenters where they were cold soaked for four days.

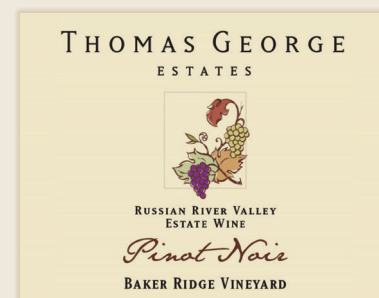
AGEING

The fermentation lasted for 18 days throughout which we punched down the cap two times daily. Following fermentation, the tanks were drained and the skins were pressed via our basket press. The wine aged on lees for 11 months in French oak barrels (47% new).

TASTING NOTES

Tantalizing aromas of blue fruit, brown sugar, and lavender lead into pomegranate, cranberry, blueberry, and rich fresh earth on the palate. Complex finish highlighted by vibrant acidity and bright fresh fruit. Enjoy now and cellar through 2028.

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"The essence of our winemaking philosophy is to respect and reflect in our wines their vineyard, varietal and vintage."

Thomas Baker

WINEMAKER

John Wilson

TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity
5.91 g/L - pH: 3.73
Alcohol
14.6%

