



THOMAS GEORGE ESTATES

ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2012

CRESTA 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 Cresta Ridge Vineyard in 2008, planted in the late 1990's by Gary and Debbie Farrell. Cresta Ridge is located to the west 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% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKING & VINTAGE NOTES

Cresta Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir is from the Estate property in Green Valley and features clones 777 and 115. This cooler Russian River location is made up of the Goldridge Soil Series, and has a slight westward facing slope. The clusters were hand harvested, sorted, destemmed, and sorted again into open top fermenters where they were cold soaked for seven days. The fermentation lasted 14 days throughout which we punched down the cap two to three times daily. Following fermentation, the tanks were drained and the skins were pressed via our basket press.

AGEING

Aged on lees for 11 months in French oak barrels (40% new).

TASTING NOTES

Blueberry and blackberry dominates the front palate. The wine embodies cool climate Pinot Noir from the Russian River Valley's western edge. The wine has density, weight, and richness. Framed by bright orange citrus acidity and masculine tannins, finishing with a touch of apple pie crust and brioche. Enjoy now and cellar through 2025.

WINEMAKER

John Wilson

TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity
6.15 g/L - pH: 3.63

Alcohol
14.5%

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE:

\$59.99

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ESTATE WINE

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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

