



THOMAS GEORGE ESTATES

ESTATE PINOT NOIR 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% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKING & VINTAGE NOTES

The 2012 Starr Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir is from our Estate ranch on Starr Road on the east side of the Russian River and features clones 777, Pommard, 114, and 115. The clusters were hand harvested, sorted, destemmed, and sorted again into open top fermenters where they were cold soaked for five days. The fermentation lasted for 18 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 100% French oak barrels (38% new).

TASTING NOTES

The 2012 Starr Ridge Vineyard Estate Pinot Noir is our quintessential Russian River Pinot Noir. The nose exhibits strawberry followed by rhubarb and cranberry. On the palate, the wine shows more red fruits with a hint of orange peel, a well-defined mid palate that finishes with rounded, soft tannins. Enjoy now and cellar through 2021.

WINEMAKER

John Wilson

TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity

5.91 g/L - pH: 3.73

Alcohol

14.3%

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE:

\$59.99

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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ESTATE WINE

Pinot Noir

STARR RIDGE VINEYARD

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

Thomas Baker

