



THOMAS GEORGE ESTATES

ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2012

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.

Thomas George Estates is run by the Thomas Baker family who have dedicated themselves to establishing a world-class winery focused on site-specific Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays grown in the cool heart of the Russian River Valley. The essence of our winemaking philosophy is to respect and reflect in our wines their vineyard, varietal and vintage.

To realize this vision, 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 emphasizing balance, brightness and terroir-inspired sophistication.

APPELLATION

Russian River Valley, California

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKING & VINTAGE NOTES

A blend from our three Estate Vineyards: Starr Ridge (28%), Cresta Ridge (32%), and Baker Ridge (40%), and features clones 777, Pommard, 114, 115 and Swan. The clusters were hand harvested, sorted, destemmed, and sorted again into open top fermenters where they were cold soaked for five days.

AGEING

Fermentation lasted for 16 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. The wine aged on lees for 11 months in 96% French oak barrels (37% new) and 6% Concrete.

TASTING NOTES

Succulent red fruit and cherry aromas complement hints of cola. Explosive flavors of wild berry and dark blue fruit dominate the mid-palate with undertones of thyme and rosemary. Fine tannins and bright acidity frame the wine to create a highly complex finish. Enjoy now and cellar through 2022.

WINEMAKER

John Wilson

TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity
6.2 g/L - pH: 3.43

Alcohol
14.3%

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE:

\$42.99

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