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CURRENT RELEASE CALIFORNIA PINOT NOIR

Thomas T. Thomas Vineyards (Philo, CA)

2022 Pinot Noir – Buster's Hill red 90

2022 Pinot Noir – Estate Grown red 89

2022 Pinot Noir – Reserve red 91

Thomas T. Thomas Vineyards was inspired by a wine tasting trip in 1999 to Burgundy. Thomas purchased 36 acres of land in the Anderson Valley and has since developed parts of the property, building a home and in 2008, planted a 3-acre parcel to pinot and constructed the winery building. The plan was to initially sell the grapes to get a better understanding of the site and to also learn about the wine business. In 2017 Thomas established his own brand and ceased selling his fruit in 2018, with the first release being a 2018 pinot. For more information visit: www.thomastthomasvineyard.com

2022 Pinot Noir – Buster's Hill: (Anderson Valley, filtering or fining, 108 cases, 13.7%). Pretty and ripe aromas include those of various red berries, plum and a spice whiff. There is good refinement to the attractively textured middle weight flavors that culminate in a delicious, poised and balanced finale. This could use better depth and given how forward that it already is, there will be a limited window in which to develop it. Still, this is really quite pretty and a wine that could actually be enjoyed now. 90/2027+

2022 Pinot Noir – Estate Grown: (Anderson Valley, filtered, no fining, 100 cases, 13.2%). A more deeply pitched nose derives almost entirely from the dark side of the fruit spectrum while displaying ample floral influence and particularly violet. There is again a lovely texture to the lighter weight flavors that possess slightly better depth though the lingering finish is mildly attenuated. This is also pretty but the balance isn't quite completely dialed in. 89/2028+

2022 Pinot Noir – Reserve: (Anderson Valley, filtering no fining, 105 cases, 13.5%). A high-toned, airy and cool nose combines notes of red cherry, raspberry and hints of mentholated tea. Here too there is a sophisticated texture to the rich and seductive medium-bodied flavors that conclude in a bitter pit fruit-inflected finish that possesses better balance and length. This well-made effort could use better depth so a few years of keeping should prove to be beneficial. 91/2029+