

# Wine Review Online – Miranda Franco, Reviewer – October 2025

## Thomas T Thomas Vineyards – Anderson Valley

### *Buster's Hill Pinot Noir 2023 (\$90)*

One of the most highly regarded and age-worthy Pinot Noirs from Thomas T. Thomas, who has been crafting exceptional Pinot Noir and Chardonnay since establishing his namesake label in 2017. The 2023 Buster's Hill, his flagship bottling, opens with lifted aromas of red cherry, pomegranate, and dried cranberry, layered with notes of rose petal, cardamom, and a hint of cedar. On the palate, it's delightfully textured — supple yet structured — with fine tannins framing waves of red fruit, sweet spice, and a touch of savory earth. Graceful and persistent through the finish, this wine speaks to both craftsmanship and place. Elegant enough to savor on its own or pair with food — think rich duck confit tacos.

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### *Reserve Pinot Noir 2023 (\$85)*

Elegant yet energetic, this Pinot Noir captures the effortless balance that defines Anderson Valley. Its luminous garnet color fades to a translucent rose at the rim, inviting perfumed aromas of rose petal, wild raspberry, and crushed stone, unfolding into layers of red cherry, plum skin, and subtle spice on the palate. The flavors glide with graceful tension — silky yet bright — carried by refined tannins and a lingering finish that hints at forest floor and coastal breeze.

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### *T Anderson Valley Pinot Noir 2023 (\$54)*

The 2023 “T” Anderson Valley Pinot Noir opens with aromas of violets, cherry, and plum, woven with delicate notes of cedar and spice. On the palate, it shows structured tannins, bright acidity, and a refined mid-palate that captures a beautiful balance of freshness and depth. Layers of earthy minerality and berry-driven fruit course through the core, creating a plush, finely textured wine lifted by a refreshing streak of acidity that lends energy, length, and purity.

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### *T Anderson Valley Chardonnay 2023 (\$50)*

Aromatic and expressive in the glass, this Chardonnay marries bright citrus and white-flower notes with hints of toasted hazelnut and spice. The palate is vibrant yet layered, lifted by lively acidity that accentuates flavors of lemon chiffon, quince, and ripe pear. A gentle touch of oak imparts texture and subtle warmth, adding depth without overshadowing the wine's freshness. Elegant and finely balanced, it captures the essence of Anderson Valley's sunny days and cool coastal nights — a beautifully crafted Chardonnay that shines on its own or alongside a wide range of dishes.

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