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TWO SMALL-PRODUCTION PINOT NOIR AND CHARDONNAY PRODUCERS COME TO LIGHT by Meredith May

A Burgundian Vision

THE OLD AND NEW WORLDS UNITE AT THOMAS T THOMAS VINEYARDS

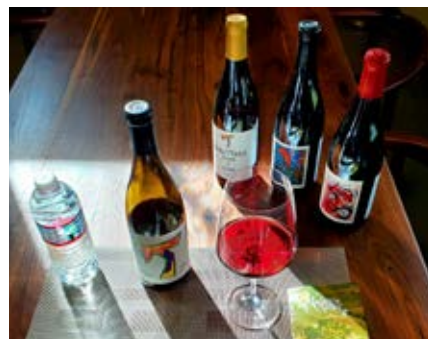


IN 2017, THOMAS T. Thomas launched the first vintage of his namesake label from the Anderson Valley. His 36-acre estate is located near downtown Philo in Mendocino County, where dense fog reigns until the warmth of the morning sun burns it off—yet with the Pacific Ocean just 20 miles away, cool ocean breezes are a daily occurrence in the afternoons. This climatic cycle, as we know, is ideal for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

Thomas T. Thomas in his tasting room.



A view of Anderson Valley from Thomas T Thomas Vineyards.



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Thomas T Thomas 2022 Chardonnay, Anderson Valley (\$42) Rich and creamy yet pleasantly clean, with a ray of sunshine illuminating notes of lemon chiffon and vanilla meringue plus linear acidity that balances the wine's toastiness. **93**

Thomas T Thomas 2022 Estate Grown Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley (\$70) Aged ten months in (50% new) oak, this red possesses dimension and a taste of terroir that brings us closer to nature. Nutmeg and tobacco chime in with strawberries just pulled from the soil, and dried violets and plum graze the palate on the savory finish. **96**

Thomas T Thomas 2022 Reserve Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley (\$85) Exotically spiced with ginger, jasmine, and patchouli, this opulent wine speaks to the character of the soil. Soy sauce, black tea, and Brazil nut appear before boysenberry gelée adds gloss on the finish. **96**

Thomas T Thomas 2022 Buster's Hill Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley (\$90) This terroir-driven red exhibits both an earthy, umami character and a sleek gossamer texture. Tart cherry glistens with high-toned acidity as notes of heather and black tea wrap around the palate. **95**