

# Thomas Fogarty

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Few wine regions on earth can match Santa Cruz Mountains' climates, soils and vertigo inspiring views. Set high in the mountains overlooking California's Silicon Valley, the Thomas Fogarty Winery has been making single-vineyard Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Merlot and Cabernet from the SCM appellation since 1981. Fogarty's two estates are divided into micro-vineyards, ranging from .25 to 5.25 acres, based on soil and topography. All are maritime (10-18 miles to Pacific), cool-climate (Regions I and II), high-elevation (1600-2300 feet), low yielding (1-3 tons per acre) and mountainous. The winery was founded by Dr. Thomas Fogarty, a Stanford cardiovascular surgeon and world-renowned inventor.



## 2012 CABERNET FRANC

SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

### VINEYARDS

We source Cabernet Franc from our Estate Gist Ranch, the Ascona Vineyard (less than a mile north of Gist) and Camel Hill (above the Lexington Reservoir). These vineyards all feature steep slopes, with Gist and Ascona perched at well over 2000 ft. of elevation. The rocky soils are low in nutrients and well-drained - perfect for the cultivation of Cabernet Franc.

### VINTAGE

2012 was a welcome change from 2011 and 2010, both challenging and low yielding years. Yields were back to "normal" and the prevailing weather was warm and often mild with much less influence from the marine layer than we normally experience. We had an enviable combination of quality and quantity, something we see once or twice a decade - at best. Our Chardonnay harvest began on October 5 and ended on the 21st, a relatively short window for the Estate. In general the wines have vivid fruit character and are very site expressive. Acidity was balanced and the wines have generous texture and extract.

### WINEMAKING

Our 2012 Santa Cruz Mountains Cabernet Franc was harvested between 10/9 and 10/21 and fermented in small open top fermentors with 2 punch downs daily. Aged for 20 months in 20% new French Oak with 2 rackings a year.

### TECHNICAL DATA

#### APPELLATION

Santa Cruz Mountains

#### WINEGROWER

Nathan Kandler

#### VINEYARDS

43% Gist Ranch Vineyard  
30% Ascona  
27% Camel Hill

#### FINISHED ALCOHOL

14.5%

#### PH / TA

3.6 / 0.48g/100mL

#### TOTAL PRODUCTION

510 Cases

#### RELEASE DATE

January 2013

#### RETAIL PRICE

\$33.00

### TASTING NOTES

We think very highly of Santa Cruz Mountains Cabernet Franc. The unique flavor profile and expressive nature of these wines speak so clearly to their mountain origin. We find these wines loaded with dark red fruit, spice and distinctive dried herb notes that are the result of low yielding vines grown in poor mountain soils. The suave tannins of our Cabernet Franc makes it eminently drinkable on release.

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