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2014 Thomas Fogarty Winery Langley Hill Vineyard Estate Chardonnay | 94

Fogarty's 2014 Chardonnay Langley Hill Vineyard is a selection of just four barrels. Super-polished and nuanced to the core, the 2012 possesses exceptional balance. Pear, white flowers, mint and white pepper notes all open up gracefully. The 2014 is bright, lifted and wonderfully perfumed throughout, all of which add to its considerable appeal. This is an especially understated, classy Chardonnay for the year.

2014 Thomas Fogarty Winery Damiana Vineyard Estate Chardonnay | 93

The 2014 Chardonnay Damiana Vineyard is a bit deeper, richer and oilier than some of the other wines in the range. Candied lemon peel, butter and apricot give the 2014 much of its textural richness, but there is plenty of bright acidity to liven things up. This is another impeccable Chardonnay from Fogarty.

2014 Thomas Fogarty Winery Portola Springs Vineyard Estate Chardonnay | 93

The 2014 Chardonnay Portola Springs Vineyard from steep, terraced site first planted in 1982. It is also the most phenolically intense, structured Chardonnay in the range this year, a reflection of the volcanic soils on the site. Lightly honeyed notes, chamomile and yellow orchard fruits give the 2014 much of its oily, sensual texture.

2014 Thomas Fogarty Winery Santa Cruz Mountains Chardonnay | 93

The 2014 Chardonnay Santa Cruz Mountains is a gorgeous entry-level offering from Fogarty. Orange jam, honeysuckle, mint and sweet spices flesh out in a succulent, expressive Chardonnay to drink now and over the next few years. The 2014 is pliant, open and absolutely delicious today. The 2014 is mostly Langley Hill and Damiana.