



2014 Thomas Fogarty Winery Rapley Trail Vineyard James Thomas Block Estate Pinot Noir | 94+

A searing, implosive wine, the 2014 Pinot Noir Rapley Trail Vineyard James Thomas Block is very tightly wound today. This is another wine that will require considerable patience. It will be interesting to see if the 2014 fleshes out with more time in barrel. Today, it is a wine built in a classically austere sense of structure. Rapley Trail is the lowest block on the side of the hill where the soils are the thinnest. With time in the glass, the wine gets better and better.

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The 2014 Pinot Noir Rapley Trail Vineyard is one of the most beautiful and expressive wines in the range. Silky, open-knit and gracious, the 2014 offers striking aromatic nuance and terrific overall balance. The 40% whole clusters are pushed forward in the wine's savory profile. Readers will have to be patient, as the wine's best days are very much in the future. Although reticent today, I imagine the 2014 will be quite special down the road.

2014 Thomas Fogarty Winery Mindego Ridge Vineyard Pinot Noir | 94

Bold and racy to the core, the 2014 Pinot Noir Mindego Ridge Vineyard exudes personality. The 35% whole clusters add nuance and a level of translucence that balances some of the natural overtiness of the fruit. Dark cherry, plum, lavender and mint are all laced together in this deeply expressive Pinot.

2014 Thomas Fogarty Winery Rapley Trail Vineyard Henry Ayrton's Block Estate Pinot Noir | 93+

The 2014 Pinot Noir Rapley Trail Vineyard Henry Ayrton's Block is dense, powerful and concentrated, with a real vertical sense of structure to match its explosive personality. Today, the Ayrton's Block is totally closed in on itself. Broad swaths of tannin and rich, textured fruit give the wine its pure power. This is another wine that is full of intrigue.

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2014 Thomas Fogarty Winery Will's Cabin Vineyard Estate Pinot Noir | 93

The 2014 Pinot Noir Will's Cabin Vineyard packs a serious punch. Energetic and focused, the 2014 shows the phenolic intensity that is typical of this high altitude, hillside site. Dark cherry, plum, menthol and lavender wrap around a core of intense dark fruit. Beams of tannin and acidity provide the structural backdrop. This is an especially savory Pinot with a real mountain sense of structure.

2014 Thomas Fogarty Winery Windy Hill Vineyard Estate Pinot Noir | 92

The 2014 Pinot Noir Windy Hill Vineyard is the first wine from a site that was replanted in 2012. Sweet, floral and lifted in style, the 2014 is another perfumed, mid-weight Pinot with considerable whole cluster influence and terrific balance. Sweet dried cherry, white pepper and dried rose petals add the final layers of nuance. Overall, the 2014 is a delicate and super-appealing Pinot to drink over the next handful of years.

2014 Thomas Fogarty Winery Razorback Vineyard Pinot Noir | 92

Crushed flowers, dried cherries, mint, chalk and white pepper all lift from the 2014 Pinot Noir Razorback Vineyard. One of the more delicate wines in the range, the 2014 will appeal most to readers who enjoy more restrained, floral Pinots. Silky tannins add to an impression of delicacy, while saline notes extend the finish nicely.

2014 Thomas Fogarty Winery (Santa Cruz Mountains) Pinot Noir | 89

The 2014 Pinot Noir Santa Cruz Mountains is another tasty, entry-level wine from Fogarty. Rose petal, bright red stone fruit and mint give the 2014 much of its lifted, aromatic personality. This is a decidedly gracious, mid-weight style. The 35% whole clusters are very nicely balanced.

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