

# Thomas Fogarty



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.



## 2014 WILL'S CABIN VINEYARD PINOT NOIR SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

### VINEYARD

The Will's Cabin Estate Vineyard lies some 20 miles south of the winery at elevations reaching over 2300 ft. The north-west facing ridge is heavily fractured Vacqueros sandstone with steep slopes and awesome exposure. A mere 14 miles separates the vineyard and ocean, though it often basks in morning sun as it sits above the morning fog. This is an earlier ripening vineyard that produces wines that are seriously structured with a wild, mountain character that continues to impress us.

### VINTAGE

2014 was the second consecutive drought vintage and featured the earliest harvesting in our 30+ year history. Early bud-break and flowering combined with relatively warm weather throughout the growing season led to rapid development of sugar and flavor in many vineyards. Consequently, we had tremendous ripeness at relatively low sugars which produced wines with bright acidity and ample structure.

### WINEMAKING

Our winemaking is focused on allowing the unique signature of each vineyard site to be expressed. We picked each of the three selections of Pinot Noir at Will's (Swan, Mt. Eden and Rochioli) separately. We utilized an average of 33% whole clusters in the spontaneous fermentations for their positive contribution to aromatics and mouthfeel. Time on skins averaged 17 days before pressing to 33% new, 3 year air-dried, tight-grained French Oak. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

### TECHNICAL DATA

#### APPELLATION

100% Santa Cruz Mountains

#### WINEGROWER

Nathan Kandler

#### VINEYARDS

100% Will's Cabin Vineyard

#### DISTANCE TO OCEAN

14 miles

#### ELEVATION /

#### EXPOSURE

2250-2300 ft / Northwestern

#### CLONES

Swan, Mt. Eden

#### ROOTSTOCK

3309

#### CLIMATE

Mountain, Maritime

#### SOILS

Heavily fractured, Vacqueros sandstone

#### ALCOHOL

13%

#### PH/TA

3.54 / 0.53 g/100 mL

#### CASES

200 x 750 mL cases

### TASTING NOTES

This young vineyard continues to impress and is producing fantastic mountain Pinot Noir with aromatic red fruit and a wild forest/mountain spice character. This vintage of Will's Cabin features the vineyards characteristic tannin profile, in a more approachable package. As the vineyard ages, the vines are producing finer and finer wines with better balance and increased concentration. While the track record is short the wines from this site are built for the long haul, but eminently drinkable on release.