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World-renowned cardiovascular surgeon, inventor, entrepreneur, businessman, teacher, author, husband and father. Winery owner Thomas J. Fogarty has made his mark in a uniquely diverse fashion. He began teaching surgery at Stanford University in 1969 and continued as a professor of surgery where he performed both cardiac and peripheral vascular surgery until 2007. He has founded several medical device companies based on the dozens of medical instruments he invented and patented. Design engineers at his Fogarty Research center have developed numerous commercially successful medical products, including a minimally invasive device for breast cancer diagnosis and also a self-expanding stent-graft used to treat aortic aneurysms. He is a recipient of the *Inventor of the Year* award by the San Francisco Patent and Trademark Association, and in 1998 was honored as Ernst & Young's northern California *Entrepreneur of the Year*. He has contributed to a number of respected surgical textbooks and has written hundreds of articles on cardiac, vascular, and general surgery. He recently founded the Thomas Fogarty Institute for Innovation in Mountain View, California, which is a non-profit organization that mentors and trains medical innovators. His list of fascinating accomplishments go on and on, too voluminous to mention them all here.

What really drew our attention to Thomas Fogarty though, was his ability to make a great bottle of wine! In the early 1970's, Fogarty began dabbling in home winemaking after purchasing 325 acres along the ridge of the dramatic Santa Cruz Mountains. In 1980, he and friend Michael Martella started planting 12 acres of Chardonnay at the top of his property at a 2,000-foot elevation. At that height and location, the vines get excellent sunlight exposure throughout the day, a cool breeze in the afternoon, and protection from frost by the mild ocean breezes. These ideal climate conditions, together with a long growing season provide a near perfect environment for Chardonnay.

In 1983, they added 6 1/2 acres of Pinot Noir, which also thrives in the relatively cool climate and mountainous terrain. Since then, they have added small vineyards of Merlot and Sangiovese grapes, and 20 miles to the south, about 10 acres of various Bordeaux varieties.

The company's original winemaker and business partner, Michael Martella, oversaw much of the planting of the vineyards and construction of the

Thomas Fogarty Winery. He was, and still is, the driving force behind the winery's enduring success. While Martella handed over the reins as everyday winemaker to Nathan Kandler several years ago, he continues with the company as a consultant.

Born and raised in Lansing, Michigan, Kandler attended the University of Michigan, studying Political Science and hoping to follow in the footsteps of his father who had been involved in win state government and policy. However, after a few summers working in a cubical, Kandler was ready for another path and spent some time bartending on Mackinac Island. It was here that he caught the "wine bug," and year and 2,000 miles later, found himself studying and working in Sonoma County. After learning from Sonoma legend Rich Thomas at the Santa Rosa Junior College, Kandler earned his Enology degree at CSU Fresno and began working at local wineries. Today, his winemaking experience includes working at multiple wineries in California and even spending time in the Barossa Valley of Australia. He has proven to be an exceptional winemaker at Thomas Fogarty Winery, and works closely with consultant Michael Martella in crafting the estate's award-winning wines.

Since Thomas Fogarty Winery & Vineyards' tiny initial release in 1981, the winery has grown to produce around 12,000 cases annually, and has earned more medals and high scores with its wines than anyone can actually count. The winery has truly grown into a major winemaking entity within this historic region of the Santa Cruz Mountains, and the Fogarty family doesn't foresee growing any further. They are at a comfortable level that will allow them to continue producing the high-quality wines they have built their reputation on.

The Thomas Fogarty Winery itself has also become a popular gathering place for corporate conferences, weddings, private parties, and thousands of curious wine enthusiasts. The 325-acre hilltop property has commanding panoramic views of San Francisco, the Pacific Ocean, Mount Diablo, and San Jose. The winery is surrounded by vineyards and beautifully manicured lawns and offers an incredible feast for the eyes.

Thomas Fogarty has created an awesome destination point carved into the Santa Cruz Mountains and has a remarkable reputation spanning more than 30 years. Whenever you find yourself in the Bay Area, you don't want to miss visiting this unique winery or tasting his exquisite wines.



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The Thomas Fogarty 2010 Santa Cruz Mountains Chardonnay was produced from the winery's Estate vineyards: the Winery Estate and Gist Ranch. While the Winery Estate fruit provided the base of the blend and defines the wine's bright, cool-climate character (think citrus and mineral elements), the warmer Gist Ranch to the south lended more depth of fruit and weight to the finished wine. All in all, the stunning Thomas Fogarty 2010 Santa Cruz Mountains Chardonnay is very atypical for a California Chardonnay in its ability to be both rich and light on its feet. It is a wine with balance and depth, without being over the top. Flavors of Meyer lemon, white flowers, bees wax, and minerality are bright and focused on the palate with subtle hints of spice and honey. The Thomas Fogarty 2010 Santa Cruz Mountains Chardonnay impresses for its balance and pure class and offers a delicious freshness from start to finish. Aged 10 months in oak. Enjoy now until 2015.

Thomas Fogarty



Dear *Platinum Series* Members,

It is with great excitement that we offer to your our authentic, terrior driven 2010 Chardonnay from the Santa Cruz Mountains. Thomas Fogarty Winery was founded by world renowned inventor Thomas Fogarty in 1978, pioneering grape-growing on the Skyline Ridge. This area boasts the most prestigious planting of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in the Santa Cruz Mountains and is considered one of the world's premiere regions for these two varieties.

Our now 30+ year-old Estate Chardonnay vineyards are planted on a complex series of rock-strewn mountain soils. We farm with respect for the land and focus on fostering the health of our soil's ecology, which maximizes the site-expression in our wines. We take a non-interventionist and light handed approach to winemaking (native yeast fermentations and a prudent use of French Oak), further allowing for maximum influence from the vineyard. Our Chardonnay tends to have higher natural acidity than most California Chardonnay and makes for a more elegant, but still full-flavored, wine.

We hope you enjoy your selection and encourage you to visit us at our mountain estate in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Best,

Nathan Kandler
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