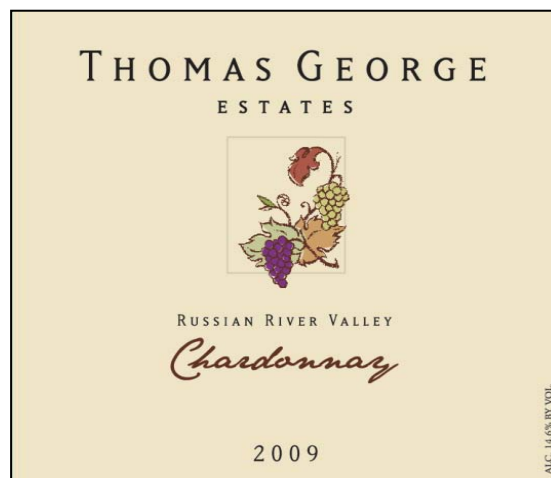


THOMAS GEORGE ESTATES



2009 Thomas George Estates Chardonnay Russian River Valley



Bottlenotes The Daily Sip

Winning May Wines The best wines we drank this past month

“Team Daily Sip compensated for the warm-weather lag by sitting inside with some reds and whites that expressed enough character to counteract the longing for outdoor excursions. All the best wines we drank this past month showed so much unique style or flavor, each bottle could serve as a graduation gift as easily as something to sip during a summer vacation. Here are the wines that captured our attention most throughout the month of May.

I'm breaking two of my regular rules: (1) Picking a wine I've tasted in the presence of the owner, and (2) Lauding a California Chardonnay. But this one's a beauty -- floral and aromatic, with a rich, peachy palate. But there's elegance and restraint from a slight touch of new oak and only partial malolactic fermentation. The wine has incredible purity and balance -- and it's better than any Chard twice the price that I've tried from California or even Burgundy.”

-Eric Arnold
June 1, 2011