

Tyler Thomas, Winemaker

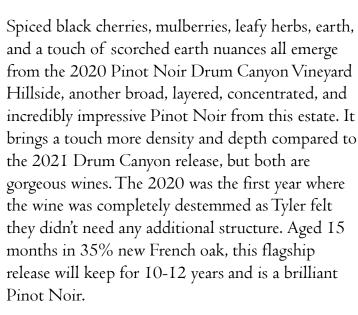
Like the Dierbergs, Tyler hails from Missouri. A plant physiologist and winemaker by education and training, Tyler also has French roots and says that he loves the idea that there is no specific word for "winemaker" in French.

Before joining Dierberg Vineyard in 2013, Tyler apprenticed with Aubert de Villaine of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti fame at the Hyde de Villaine winery in Napa. "Aubert taught me to stay out of the way in winemaking," says Tyler. Indeed, "staying out of the way" has garnered Dierberg attention as amongst the highest quality Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in California, renowned for a minimalistic winemaking approach that presents clean and pure expressions of Drum Canyon Vineyard in Sta. Rita Hills.



2020 DIERBERG DRUM CANYON PINOT NOIR STA. RITA HILLS

94 Points



JEB DUNNUCK

2021 DIERBERG ESTATE PINOT NOIR STA. RITA HILLS

92 Points

The Dierberg Estate Pinot Noir is made entirely from the Drum Canyon Vineyard. The Estate Pinot sees less oak than the grey label and is vinified primarily in large foudre. This vineyard segment displays the hallmark red toned fruit aromas combined with distinct earthiness and a bit of floral character that are unmistakably Drum Canyon. It is a Sta. Rita Hills estate Pinot Noir at the top of its class. Winemaker Tyler Thomas apprenticed with Aubert de Villaine of DRC fame.

Allocated to the trade. Not sold DTC through the winery.





"Black cherries, black raspberries, leafy herbs, and sappy, floral nuances all emerge from the 2021 Pinot Noir Dierberg Vineyard, a pure, medium-bodied, beautifully textured Pinot Noir displaying a terrific, salty character on the finish that is classic Sta. Rita Hills. This is the second vintage of this cuvée, which comes from sandier soils at the base of the Drum Canyon slope, and the estate thinks of this as their Premier Cru release."--Jeb Dunnuck, 8/30/23



2022 DIERBERG VINEYARD CHARDONNAY STA. RITA HILLS

"Floral and pleasantly lifted, the 2022 has plenty to offer in an upfront style. White flowers, mint and crushed rocks open nicely."-- Vinous

Like Chablis meets California, we produce Chardonnay that has great texture without the butter.

"These Dierberg releases are made by Tyler Thomas and have pure, classy, impeccably made profiles."

"The quality and consistency of the Chardonnay coming from Santa Barbara County today is truly incredible, and you don't have to spend a lot of money either. Most estate's entry-level cuvées are exceptional and give many of their more expensive single vineyard releases a run for their money."—Jeb Dunnuck



Drum Canyon Vineyard