



# Thomas Fogarty

WINERY & VINEYARDS



## Moving forward, looking back: Thomas Fogarty Winery's *"thirty years so far"...*

Thirty years. From the vantage point of 1981 it was an unimaginable chronological distance. From where we sit now it has been an instant. On August 26, as most of you know, we celebrated our thirtieth year as a winery. Present were my dad (Dr Thomas Fogarty) and winemaker Michael Martella, founders of the winery, our staff (many of whom remember most of those thirty years) and about a hundred friends of the winery. It was a wonderful evening, with plenty of reminiscing- I saw many long time devotees and family regaling newer friends with stories of the past three decades here. Dinner was made by Jesse Cool and her staff at JZ Cool Catering, which holds special significance as Jesse's restaurant Flea Street Cafe opened in 1981- the year Thomas Fogarty Winery was bonded, and they have been wonderful supporters of the winery ever since.



When Michael and my father started the winery it was a different place in some ways, but in hindsight the winery has grown as they had intended. I am sure neither one of them envisioned the winery making over 25 variations of ten (and sometimes more) varietals, but thanks to the interest and support of our club members that is where we are today. While the wines we produce have certainly become more varied, the heart of Thomas Fogarty Winery is still the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grown at the estate.



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