

RESTAURANT WINE

The Full Service Guide to On Sale Beverage Profits



RESTAURANT WINE®'S EVALUATION SYSTEM

QUALITY ratings are:

- ★★★★★ (5 stars) **EXCEPTIONAL** quality for its type and style; a superstar within its price category. Merits an extra special effort to purchase. Very highly recommended.
- ★★★★ (4 stars) **EXCELLENT** quality for its type, style, and price. Among the very best of its type for its price. Highly recommended.
- ★★★ (3 stars) **VERY GOOD** quality for its type, style, and price. Has distinctive character and positive attributes. Recommended.

THOMAS-HSI VINEYARDS



THOMAS-HSI VINEYARDS – Mount Veeder, Napa Valley

- 2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, \$680/6 (\$170) ★★★★★
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Charles Thomas has 4 decades of winegrowing and winemaking experience, and held key positions at some of California's most prestigious wineries (Robert Mondavi/Opus One, Kendall-Jackson/Cardinale, Rudd, Quintessa). He and his wife Lili Hsi own a vineyard at 1,000 feet on Mount Veeder, from which they produce 10 to 15 barrels of first rate wine under the Thomas-Hsi Vineyards label. Two wines are made: a Cabernet Sauvignon and a Proprietary Red Wine. ♦ Thomas-Hsi Cabernet Sauvignon is a powerful expression of Mount Veeder. Here, the 2012 is excellent: full bodied and rich, with firm structure, excellent depth of fruit, and a long, powerful finish, tasting of cassis, blackberry, mint, black licorice, dried fig, cedar, and oak. 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 0.5% Cabernet Franc, 0.5% Petit Verdot. Aged 26 months in French oak barrels, 60% new. Unfined, unfiltered. 175 cases. 14.8% ♦ The 2013 Cabernet is a fleshier, richer wine—and outstanding in quality. It is

concentrated, very full bodied, and very distinct in character (kola nut, cherry, black currant, cassis, violet, black licorice, vanilla, dried fig, oak), with good balance, and a firm, long, somewhat tannic finish. Needs aging. 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot. Aged 30 months in French oak barrels, 65% new. Unfined, unfiltered., 205 cases. 14.9% ♦ The THV Proprietary Red Wine is a 'gentler' and more sophisticated expression of the vineyard, but quite a full flavored wine nonetheless. The 2012 is a wonderful blend: a luscious, rich, complex wine (black currant, blueberry, cedar, pepper, plum, spicy oak) that is well balanced, and extremely long on the finish. A beautifully crafted wine. Warrants aging. 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot. Aged 26 months in French oak barrels, 60% new. Unfined, unfiltered. 175 cases. 14.8% ♦ The 2013 THV is astounding in quality—one of the red wines of the vintage and probably Charles Thomas' best-ever wine (out of hundreds he has produced). It is velvety in texture, very rich and complex in flavor (black currant, blueberry, cherry, rosehips, cedar, vanilla, spicy oak), with outstanding oak integration, and an extremely long, persistent finish. 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot. Aged 30 months in French oak barrels, 70% new. Unfined, unfiltered. 105 cases. 14.9% [2021-2031] 707.225.5185