



LOUIS ROEDERER
CHAMPAGNE


- CRISTAL 2008 -



THIS IS A CLEVERLY SEDUCTIVE WINE

The newly born Cristal 2008 comes to us with a patient heart, full of promise. It has been shaped by time and by its unique chalky soils and is now ready for us to enjoy after ten years of ageing. The 2008 vintage was a continental year, intense and hot, with scorching temperatures and weather which was a nimble succession of sunny and cool spells. Cristal 2008 is the embodiment of this concentration, intensity, energy and complexity.

Cristal has a restrained strength and a pervasive purity, like a lithe ballerina's impossibly graceful leap through the air... A fine balance of finesse and power, energy and sensuality, Cristal captures all differences, reconciles all contrasts. Borne by its delicate substance, its notes of white fruit, candied citrus and toasted almonds harmoniously combine to create an endless parade of nuances. This is a cleverly seductive wine!







TASTING NOTES

Amber hue with green and orange tints. Fine, even and lively sparkle.

Complex and intense bouquet disclosing candied citrus, yellow fruit, Williams pear, pollen and toasted almond. The delicately seductive bouquet shows intensity and well-honed precision.

The wine is powerful, full yet tight, on entry to the palate. The 2008 is undeniably well structured but in a particular way: the wine's almost saline concentration has not been created by the sun, but is derived from the dryness of the chalk soil in a particularly cool summer. The result is a smooth, almost liquorous, mouthfeel that coats the palate with a powerful yet soft texture. This gives way to an incredible finish, underpinned by freshness and an impression of absolute purity with a taut and very saline character.

Cristal 2008 is deep, intense and masterful. It offers the quintessential reflection of its chalk soils which lend its velvety texture and delicate tension. This wine's energy has been tamed by an unusually long period of bottle ageing: Cristal 2008 was in fact aged for 10 years before its release on the market. A first!

ALBERTO LUPETTI

100 POINTS

“Never has a champagne achieved such perfection on its début - absolutely top marks. Cristal 2008 has succeeded in doing just that. What more is there to say? It has everything and more.

This is when you realise that, if you are to judge it, you shouldn't try looking for it, but turn your thinking on its head and ask yourself: What does it lack?

What's wrong with it? Nothing. Balance and perfection.”

JAMES SUCKLING

100 POINTS

“With staggering density and impressive balance, this is one of the greatest Roederer Cristal ever made. It's a wine for the long term, and it's best to leave it for six or seven years in the cellar before drinking. However, the vibrant youth of this great champagne is hard to be patient with. Simply put, it's great to drink anytime.”

WINE ENTHUSIAST

100 POINTS

“This latest incarnation of the famous brand is a superb wine. It is on par with, maybe even better than, the already legendary 2002. Its balance is impeccable, apple and citrus flavors working with the tight minerality to give a textured yet fruity wine. Produced from Louis Roederer's own vineyards which are mainly biodynamic, the wine has its own intense purity and crispness. It has amazing potential and is likely to age for many years.”



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