

MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES



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Founded in 1981, Roederer Estate is nestled in Mendocino County's cool, fog-shrouded Anderson Valley. As the California outpost of Champagne Louis Roederer, Roederer Estate builds upon a centuries-old tradition of fine winemaking.

Roederer Estate's sparkling wines are produced using only estate-grown grapes from the winery's own vineyards. Carrying on the tradition of Champagne Louis Roederer in France, special oak-aged reserve wines are added to each blend. The multi-vintage Anderson Valley Brut debuted in 1988 to great acclaim, followed by the Brut Rosé and Roederer Estate's prestige *cuvée*, L'Ermitage, in 1993. In 2004, the newest member of the Roederer Estate family was released, the prestigious L'Ermitage Rosé.

KEY POINTS

1. Like its parent company Champagne Louis Roederer, Roederer Estate's unique winemaking style is based on two key elements: ownership of its vineyards and the addition of oak-aged reserve wines to each year's *cuvées*.
2. Roederer Estate has chosen to use only two of the three varietals used in making Champagne and Sparkling Wine, the noble grapes of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.
3. The wines are aged an average of a minimum of 2 years on lees for the multi-vintage Brut and 4 years for the prestige *cuvée*, L'Ermitage.
4. Because of its large vineyard ownership, Roederer Estate can be very selective in choosing its grapes and can "discount" any *cuvées* that are not up to par with its high standard of quality.
5. The cool, fog-shrouded Anderson Valley is 3 hours northwest of San Francisco and 45 minutes east of the Pacific Ocean. This microclimate provides growing conditions that are very similar to those found in Champagne, including a longer growing season.
6. The blending team, which includes the winemakers from Champagne Louis Roederer, has a total of 140 vintages of experience among them.

PRODUCT LIST

- L'Ermitage Rosé – 94 Points, *Wine Enthusiast*; 90 Points, *Wine & Spirits*
- L'Ermitage – 94 Points, *Wine Enthusiast*; 92 Points, *Wine & Spirits*; 5 Stars & Best of Show, *Quarterly Review of Wines*
- Brut, Multi-Vintage – *Top Sparkling Wine, Wine & Spirits Restaurant Poll, '06 & '07*
- Brut Rosé – 92 Points, *Wine Enthusiast*; One of "10 Best Pink Champagnes," *Forbes*

