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ROEDERER ESTATE



Roederer Estate

L'Ermitage Rosé

Anderson Valley, California, United States
Vintage: 2009

Overview

Founded in 1982, Roederer Estate is nestled in Mendocino County's fog-shrouded, Anderson Valley. As the California property of Champagne Louis Roederer, Roederer Estate builds upon a centuries-old tradition of fine winemaking. The premium grape growing region's proximity to the ocean gives rise to a gentle cycle of warm days and cool nights, allowing grapes to mature slowly on the vine and develop full varietal character.

Among the very few California sparkling wine houses that only source estate-grown fruit, Roederer Estate is also meticulous about all its farming decisions. The winemaking process begins with in-depth knowledge of the Estate soils to introduce open lyre trellis system or high density plantation, extends to the decision to farm vineyards organically and biodynamically, and finishes by painstakingly tracking grape maturity to achieve perfect balance at harvest.

L'Ermitage, Roederer Estate's special Tête de Cuvée, is a sparkling wine made only in exceptional years from pre-selected, estate-grown grapes. Carrying on the tradition of Champagne Louis Roederer in France, Roederer Estate produces its sparkling wines in the traditional French méthode traditionnelle and adds special oak-aged reserve wines to each blend. L'Ermitage debuted with the 1989 vintage.

Winemaking

Roederer Estate wines are made with juice from just the cuvée pressing; no première or deuxième taille is used. The concept of the vintage L'Ermitage is the same one that is used in Champagne: Only the best of the vintage is selected. These are exceptional wines that create a "noble" (special) blend that allows for longer aging, which produces a fine wine with elegance and finesse.

The rosé blend is crafted using a small fraction of red wine, from pinot noir grown on the estate, especially made for this purpose using Burgundian maceration technique that allows skin contact to extract color and aromas. This red wine brings delicate berry flavors and a nice color to further extend the L'Ermitage smoothness and subtleties, allowing for a unique tasting experience.

L'Ermitage Rosé 2009 was disgorged in February 2017.

Tasting Notes

Very delicate salmon colors are the trademark of the L'Ermitage Rosé. The aromatics are of peach pie and clove spices. With L'Ermitage Rosé 2009, mouthfeel is full of energy with bright acid and cranberry notes, a mid-palate width brought by the pinot noir and the creaminess from the 7 years of aging on the yeasts. The finish is long and delicate with layers of fruit and spices.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 50.2% Chardonnay, 49.8% Pinot Noir – 3.9% aged reserve wine from 2006 and 2007
Wine Alcohol: 12.4%
Titratable Acidity: 0.95
pH: 3.05
Residual Sugar: 10 g/L
Dosage: 10 g/l
Cases Produced: 587