



apple alley vineyard 2021 anderson valley, ca



OVERVIEW

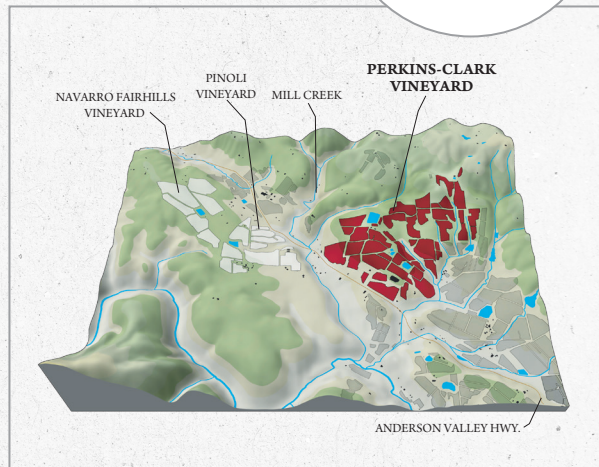
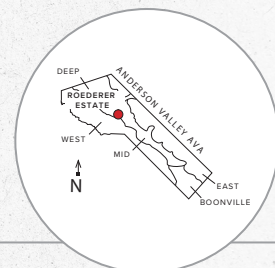
Founded in 1982, Roederer Estate is nestled in Mendocino County's cool, fog-shrouded Anderson Valley. As the California property of Champagne Louis Roederer, Roederer Estate builds upon a centuries-old tradition of fine winemaking. Among the very few California sparkling wine houses that only source 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.

Apple Alley Vineyard, along with our Clark Road Vineyard bottling, is intended to reflect what lies at the core of Roederer Estate philosophy: deep knowledge of our family owned vineyards and careful craftsmanship of site-specific wines. These single-vineyard releases showcase an important sense of place and the full expression of the fruit in its terroir.

WINEMAKING

Apple Alley is the nickname given to the dirt road that winds up from the winery deep into the vineyard situated above Roederer Estate. The land formerly contained a large apple orchard, and the trees along the dirt road are the last remnants of the original plantings, with some nearing 100 years in age.

Our 2021 Apple Alley Vineyard was partially fermented in casks (22%) and with a small amount of reserve wine aged in casks (3%) to give the Roederer Estate family touch. It was disgorged in March 2025, after 36 months on the yeast.



VARIETALS:
80.3% Chardonnay
19.7% Pinot Noir
(3% of 2018 reserve wines)

ALCOHOL: 12.9%

DOSAGE: 5 g/L

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POINTS
JEB DUNNUCK

Chardonnay-driven, the 2021 Apple Alley Vineyard is released later in the year than the Clark Road Vineyard, given more time on the yeast, with a March 2025 disgorgement. It has a crisp structure and purity, with more oak presence than the 2020, and 5 grams per liter dosage. It has a bold sense of place, sourced from a vineyard above the winery, fleshy, creamy, and medium-bodied, with a toasty concentration that persists through a long finish. Drink now and over the next 10-12 years.

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POINTS
JAMES SUCKLING.COM

Chalky, creamy and fresh, with minerals, fresh pears and wildflowers on the nose. Wonderful richness on the palate, with vibrant, mineral-driven acidity. Dense bubbles and a long finish of delicate herbs, wild honey, lime zest and salt. A mouthwatering, nuanced, medium-body wine. Disgorged March 2025. 5 g/L dosage. Drink or hold.

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POINTS
Wine Spectator

Vibrant and refined, with multilayered apple and pear flavors accented by brioche, cherry and spiced cinnamon tones that linger on the rich finish. Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Drink now.

