



Champagne Louis Roederer started planting grapes in the Anderson Valley in 1982, when California sparkling wine wasn't yet a thing. Over time, this Philo-based outpost and production facility known as Roederer Estate has become entirely estate-grown, now farming 600 acres of organically and biodynamically farmed vines in the area, which estate winemaker Arnaud Weyrich says has higher acidity on average than Champagne. The winery's signature style is to add oak-aged reserve wines to each year's cuvée.

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Impressive from first sip, the MV Brut, made from 60% Chardonnay and 40% Pinot Noir, with 10 to 15% reserve wine, opens in a world of buttered toasty notes, spicy pear, and hazelnut. The oak and fruit shine amidst a backdrop of refreshing acidity speckled in green apple and Meyer lemon. Elegant in style, this medium-bodied Brut has an underlying thread of razor-edged acidity and great length that should keep it fresh and rewarding over the next 8-10 years. Dosage is 10 grams per liter.

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Decanter

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Dynamic yet sleekly elegant, with rich strawberry and apple flavors that are accented by spiced cinnamon and yeast roll as this dances toward the vibrant finish. Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Drink now through 2026.



BRUT ROSÉ MV

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Gorgeously pretty in a salmon hue, the MV Brut Rose is a blend of 56% Pinot Noir and 44% Chardonnay given additional complexity from 10 to 15% oak-aged wines from the estate's reserve cellars. Disgorged in May 2023. It has a dosage of 8 grams per liter and is delightfully precise in nature, fully balanced between red fruit and acidity, with a rounded mid-palate and enduring finesse to the mousse. The acidity and structure are solidly impressive and should give the wine plenty of time to age through 2035, if not beyond.

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This wine is pale-pink salmon-hued with aromas of yeasty brioche, fresh raspberry, youthful strawberry, white tea and spiced orange zest on the nose. The midpalate is firm mousse, dried raspberry, orange blossom, gliding into supple orange cream and white grapefruit with a dry finish. Pair with life.

The Roederer Estate Brut Anderson Valley is a perennial best buy in the category, offering quality, distinction and value year after year. While most French Champagne houses viewed Napa Valley as the best place to make sparkling wine in the States, Louis Roederer selected Anderson Valley, a beautiful but remote slice of Mendocino County, in 1988. Arnaud Weyrich has overseen winemaking since 2002, offering wines like the lovely brut below. It's so impressive because it combines some of Weyrich's best vintages, which are aged for four years in large French oak casks. This adds richness and texture, and this year's cuvée is overflowing with fresh fruit and lively acidity, featuring red apple, raspberry, brioche and ginger notes. - March 2022

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