



**“It is impressive to see a maison the size of Louis Roederer delivering such outstanding quality from biodynamically farmed grapes. The work they are doing really sets a benchmark for other larger producers to follow.”** —*Nick Stock, Senior Editor, JamesSuckling.com*



“The blend of Cristal itself is derived from 45 candidate parcels, which are included or excluded each year on the basis of extensive tasting. These parcels are defined by soils with a high concentration of active calcium carbonate, and all boast vines that are a minimum of 35 years old. Most of the Pinot Noir in Cristal comes from northeasterly exposed Verzenay, Beaumont-sur-Vesle and Verzy, which produce wines with serious acid structure, as well as holdings in Aÿ and Mareuil-sur-Aÿ, which bring a bit more textural plenitude and fruit to the blend. The cuvée’s Chardonnay component—which typically represents 40% of the blend—derives from prime parcels in Avize, Mesnil-sur-Oger, Cramant and Oger.”

- *William Kelley | The Wine Advocate*

- Cristal 2012 is the first vintage to be 100% biodynamic. No malolactic fermentation. The dosage is 7.5g/L.
- 60% Pinot Noir, 40% Chardonnay (32% vinified in oak casks)

## CRISTAL 2012

### 98 points | **CELLAR SELECTION**

“As the first 100% biodynamic Cristal, entirely from Roederer-owned vineyards, this is an important milestone. This latest incarnation is a great Champagne with its density, elegance and poise. Still impressively young, the wine is taut, tightly wound and textured. At the same time, it has pure, ripe white and citrus fruits that are perfumed, and an important part of this wine’s long-term future. Drink at the earliest from 2023.” **WINEENTHUSIAST | 12.20**

### 98 points

“The 2012 Cristal is another absolutely stellar wine this flight of recent releases. Rich, vinous and beautifully textured, the 2012 has been nothing short of magnificent on the three occasions I have tasted it so far. In the glass, the 2012 is radiant and luscious, yet it possesses remarkable transparency and striking aromatic depth. Light tropical notes develop in the glass, giving the 2012 a real feeling of exotic beauty... Two thousand twelve is the vintage where endless trials and experiments in farming and winemaking are fully realized. The 2012 is just stunning. It’s as simple as that.” **VINOUS | 12.19**

### 97+ points

“Aromas of clear honey, crisp green orchard fruit, white peach, pastry cream and dried white flowers introduce the 2012 Cristal, a full-bodied, concentrated and powerful wine that’s built for the cellar... the 2012 is incisive and searingly chalky. This is the first Cristal produced exclusively from organically farmed fruit, and it marks the opening of a new chapter for Louis Roederer... Chef de Caves Jean-Baptiste Lécaillon has once again excelled himself.” **WINE ADVOCATE | 10.19**

