



“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

“Such attractive, fresh, floral aromas here with fine bread, hints of white almonds and a lemon edge. White cherries and strong, chalky minerals, too. The palate has a very composed feel. Seamless and quite silky texture with effortless length and flow. Very fluid and composed. Very late, warming almond flavors. This is very long and smooth with a velvety finish. Super long pinot weight. Resolved and drinkable, but will age so well.” JAMESUCKLING.COM | 9.19

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. Dosage is just over 7 grams per liter, the lowest it has even been for Cristal.” 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 Roderer... Chef de Caves Jean-Baptiste Lécaillon has once again excelled himself.” [WINE ADVOCATE](http://WINEADVOCATE) | 10.19

