



LOUIS ROEDERER
CHAMPAGNE



“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*



“Cristal Rosé, first produced in 1974, typically contains a touch more Pinot Noir, and some of that Pinot Noir sees a week-long cold infusion before pressing, which imparts its decidedly pale hue; Pinot Noir and Chardonnay then ferment together. That cold maceration imparts some delicate phenolic structure that seems to contribute an additional dimension to Cristal Rosé.

But it may be that the wine’s origins are just as important, since Cristal Rosé derives from only four of the finest parcels among the 45 that are candidates for inclusion in Cristal.”

— *William Kelley | The Wine Advocate*

Varietals: 56% Pinot Noir, 44% Chardonnay (15% vinified in oak casks)
Dosage: 8 g/L

CRISTAL ROSÉ 2012

99 points

“Just about as good as it gets, the 2012 Cristal Rosé is a magical effort based on 56% Pinot Noir and 44% Chardonnay. It’s a powerful, medium to full-bodied, incredibly textured rosé offering a huge amount of salty, chalky minerality as well as awesome notes of white cherries, orange blossom, caramelized apples, and toasted bread. It shows the ripe, rounded richness of the 2012 vintage yet has bright, racy acidity, perfect balance, and a great, great finish.” **JEB DUNNUCK | 7.20**

98+ points

“The 2012 Cristal Rosé is magnificent. When Chef de Caves Jean-Baptiste Lécaillon started to move Roederer towards organically farmed fruit, he started with Cristal Rosé, Roederer’s smallest production cuvée. Because of that, Cristal Rosé is the wine in this range that shows the current Roederer style in its fullest expression. Rich, vivid and crystalline in the glass, the 2012 Cristal Rosé is a Champagne of tremendous gravitas. Chalk, white flowers, sweet red berry fruit, mint and blood orange are all beautifully delineated.” **VINOUS | 12.19**

98 points

“The 2012 Cristal Rosé is showing brilliantly, unwinding in the glass with a beautiful bouquet of fresh peach, bergamot, strawberries, tangerine and blanched almonds that’s still quite reserved. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied, deep and strikingly complete, its vinous attack segueing into a multidimensional core that exemplifies the ideal of power without weight, built around a racy but integrated spine of animating acidity and complemented by an exquisitely refined mousse. All the concentration of the 2012 vintage is on display, but it’s rendered with terrific finesse. Decidedly youthful and introverted.”

WINE ADVOCATE | 3.20

