



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. “In 2008 40 percent of the grapes for Cristal were biodynamically farmed,” says Chef de Cave Jean-Baptiste Lecaillon. “And 2012 is our first Cristal produced from 100 percent biodynamically farmed grapes.”

The entire Cristal estate was certified organic in 2018 and today 52 percent of Roederer’s production is organically certified.

—Nick Stock, Senior Editor, JamesSuckling.com

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.

James Suckling | 9.19

Cristal 2008 ALMOST SOLD OUT

100 points | Cellar Selection

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Wine Enthusiast | 12.17



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Wine Enthusiast | 12.16

Cristal 2002 Late Release

98 points

... a fabulous wine! Originally released in 2009, it was re-released in March this year... after seven years sur lie. Only two times—2002 and 2015—the fruit from all 42 plots reserved for Cristal was used for the Cristal... the nose of the 2002 Cristal shows a deep, ripe and elegant fruit with aromas of white chocolate, wet chalk, wild vanilla and pepper as well as terroir-driven truffle notes. Intense and very elegant in the mouth, this is a ripe, rich and concentrated yet also pure and vital Cristal with great finesse, elegance and mineral complexity.

The Wine Advocate | 6.18

Cristal 2010 Not Produced

Cristal 2011 Not Produced