

LOUIS ROEDERER BRUT CRISTAL 2004

EROBERTPARKER.COM Antonio Galloni, July 2010

96 Points

The estate's 2004's had been recently disgorged at the time of my visit. An explosion of fruit emerges from the 2004 Cristal, making a strong and very positive first impression. This is a wine of incredible finesse, length and balance that promises to develop beautifully over the next several decades.

WINE SPECTATOR INSIDER 13 October 2010

93 Points

Floral, citrus and spice aromas and flavors are at the forefront of this filigree, delicate champagne. This is harmonious and well-defined, with a long aftertaste of roasted nut and toast. Very dry. Drink now through 2028.

STEVE TANZER'S REVIEW Josh Reynolds, November 2010

94 Points

Light, bright gold. Spicy citrus and orchard fruit aromas are complemented by chalk, white flowers and a touch of smokiness. Taut, linear lemon and orange rind flavors give way to deeper pear in the mid-palate and pick up notes of honeysuckle and toasted grain with air. Still very young but shows excellent promise. Finishes with good mineral cut and sappy persistence.

TOP 100 WINES James Halliday, 13-14 November 2010

96 Points

A blend of 55% pinot noir and 45% chardonnay, 20% being matured in old oak casks, but no malolactic fermentation. It spends five years in bottle prior to disgorgement. The 2004 is noted for its high acidity and purity, the best since 1996. Pale straw-yellow, it has a mix of light toast and flowery components on the bouquet, the palate with layers of nectarine and peach, grilled nut/dried fruit nuances, and a long, intense, very clean finish.



Reviews & Accolades

WINE ENTHUSIAST 1 December 2010

97 Points

Exceptionally rich and dense, an exceptional wine that reveals itself in layers, from the first fruit attack to the mineral texture and the way it gradually fills the mouth. Selected from old vines, there is a great flavor in this wine, with the promise of many years' aging.

WINE & SPIRITS, AUS November 2010

97 Points

A pale beauty with delicate power, energy and dimension, the 2004 Cristal is an impressive follow up to the 2002. Scents of apple blossom hint at the depth and clarity of the fruit, layered with ginger and spice in a flavor delivered over the course of several minutes. The freshness of the wine comes through in a subtle hum rather than anything as overt as a buzz, bright, airy and unstoppable.