

LOUIS ROEDERER BRUT CRISTAL 2002

WINE & SPIRITS USA December 2009

100 Points

If a wine could ever make you want to pull the top down on your '68 Ferrari convertible, rip off the rearview mirror and take off, this is it. It has a different kind of energy than the '02 Cristal Rosé, which is more ethereal, like strawberries at the right hand of some ancient Gallic god. This is more insolent, brash, earth bound. All the scents and flavours seem to emanate from limestone, as does the acidity, which hits the front of the mouth and powers through the wine with the kind of solar energy that lifts mist off the white chalk on a cool morning in Cramant. The wine goes for miles. It's already irresistible and will only improve with 10, 20, 30 and 40 years age.

WINE ENTHUSIAST December 2008

98 Points

This is an exceptional wine, as is the vintage. The fruits – grapefruit, crisp red apple – balance with a fine yeasty character. This is great depth of flavor, the fruits going in a pure line of freshness.

THE PENGUIN GOOD AUSTRALIAN WINE GUIDE 2009

97 Points & Penguin Best Vintage Champagne

This is easily the best we've seen since the scintillating 1996 Cristal! Intensity and fine concentration are the hallmarks of this exquisite champagne; chalky aromas, fine citrus and tight minerally restraint. The palate is needle-like in its precision, piercing acidity and the fine floral notes, clean and long. Not one to be missed.

THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD 3 February 2009

97 Points

Real aged character here; toasty, bready, nutty, cracked yeast and refined fruit. Tremendous intensity and great length, with a very clean, dry finish.



Reviews & Accolades

JAMES HALLIDAY'S TOP 100 14-15 November 2009

97 Points

Cristal enjoys hyper-cult status and is made almost every vintage, thanks to the 190ha of vineyards owned by Roederer. Many things are going on in the very complex and intense bouquet, reflected in the multi-citrus flavours of the palate which yield to an almost delicate and wonderfully clean finish. Pinot Noir (55%)/Chardonnay (45%) although you might guess the other way around.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Antonio Galloni, 31 December 2008

96+ Points

Is still in its infant, fresh stage. Subtle notes of pears, flowers, spices, mint, minerals and oak are woven into a cashmere-like frame of extraordinary grace and elegance. This beautifully-sculpted Champagne possesses notable clarity but with the additional depth of fruit that is characteristic of this vintage. It is a gorgeous, seductive Cristal of the highest level. In 2002, Cristal is 60% Pinot Noir and 40% Chardonnay with 10 grams of dosage. 20% of the wine was fermented in oak.