



2019 BRUT ROSÉ
L'ERMITAGE
ANDERSON VALLEY



HISTORY

Founded in 1982, Roederer Estate is nestled in Mendocino County's cool, fog-shrouded Anderson Valley. As the California property of Champagne Louis Roederer, Roederer Estate builds upon a centuries-old tradition of fine winemaking. L'Ermitage, Roederer Estate's special tête de cuvée, is a supremely Californian sparkling wine made only in exceptional years from all estate-grown grapes. Roederer Estate produces its sparkling wines in the traditional French method and adds special oak-aged reserve wines to each blend. L'Ermitage debuted with the 1989 vintage.

Winemaker Arnaud Weyrich carefully ranks the wines from each harvest, and the finest lots are selected for further aging in French oak casks. While kept in these large wooden tanks, the wine develops in complexity.

WINEMAKING

The rosé blend is crafted using a small fraction of red wine, from Pinot Noir grown on the estate, especially made for this purpose using Burgundian maceration technique that allows skin contact to extract color and aromas. The 2019 L'Ermitage represents a milestone for the tête de cuvée as the first vintage of these wines to go through malolactic fermentation. The pH range is close to that of 2006, which was revered for its smoothness, making it a less classic, taut L'Ermitage and calling for a lower dosage, as well as an early release and drinking window. About 4.9% of the wine was fermented in oak cask, with gentle batonnage for eight weeks. The wine used for the dosage is a 2019 aged in oak cask for four years. Following disgorgement, 2019 L'Ermitage was aged an additional seven months on the cork prior to release.

HARVEST

While 2018 was a cool year with pronounced acidity, vintage 2019 was more balanced, with abundant rain up until late May and very limited spring frost. Moderate temperatures, but warmer than 2018, led to a healthy crop in quantity and quality. Berry size was large, allowing for great juicing, lower acidity and a wide array of wine choices for blending. The red wine of Pinot Noir used for blending was powerful, juicy and fruity.

TASTING NOTES

Vintage 2019 features cooked peach and baked pastry crust aromatics. This wine's plush, soft entry and creamy brightness enrobe the texture of the Pinot Noir.

APPELLATION
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VARIETALS
50.4% Pinot Noir, 49.6% Chardonnay

RESERVE
3.8% Chardonnay from vintage 2016

DISGORGED
February 2024

DOSAGE
5.5 g/L

CASES PRODUCED
460

TA
6.1 g/L

pH
3.17

ALCOHOL
12.8%