

J Vineyards Brut Rosé (Pinot Noir-Chardonnay)

Russian River Valley AVA, Sonoma Valley, California



I will bet you already knew that Champagne's wines were made from a blend of red and white grape varieties: Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay). Well, the world round, imitators of that style have adopted the same varieties for many of the finest sparkling wines.

J Vineyards in Sonoma Valley is one of California's most well-known sparkling wine producers, founded in 1986 by Judy Jordan, the older sister of John of Jordan Vineyards. Judy is a Stanford graduate and a major expert in soil types who has been dedicated to **environmentally sensitive, sustainable wine making practices** in the Russian River region of Sonoma ever since.

“Pretty dark in color and full-bodied for a sparkling wine ... it’s delicious and dry, surely prime requisites for any bubbly. Shows ripe, flashy raspberry, strawberry, orange, vanilla, honey, yeast, and toast flavors ... the mouthfeel is silky and refined.” – 90 Points, *Wine Enthusiast*, February, 2012

Recommended pairings: Porcini-Dusted Salmon with Ginger-Garlic Jus

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Pecan-Crusted Chicken Salad with Pomegranate Vinaigrette