

# 2012 Sonoma-Cutrer “Russian River Ranches Cuvée”

Sonoma Coast AVA, California



California's “Love-It-or-Hate-It” reputation for Chardonnay has seen Sonoma County as Ground Zero for much of that trend. Finally growing out of the region's adolescence, Sonoma's winemakers are finally balancing the over-generous style of their Chardonnays with some restraint. Sonoma-Cutrer delivers a wine lush enough to be reminiscent of yesteryear, yet clean enough to enjoy today.

“Russian River Ranches” is a *cuvée* (blend) crafted from batches of Chardonnay grown at several estate vineyards, each contributing its own distinct personality.

**Its juicy tropical aromas of pineapple and mango interweave with hazelnut or almond, and a touch of lime. A sip shows slightly different flavors, dancing between grapefruit, lemon and pear with a subtle hint of vanilla. It is medium-bodied with a flinty, mineral finish that stays clean due to a firm acid backbone.**

***Recommended pairings:*** Pork Cutlet Milanese with Lemon-Butter Sauce

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Soup *du Jour*, especially Corn and Clam Chowder