

# Wine Spectator Weekly

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## Rudd Estate

Chardonnay Russian River Valley Bacigalupi Vineyard 1999  
**93 points | \$50 | 1,041 cases made**

Beautiful, vivid fruit, earth and mineral aromas, with rich, deeply flavored, succulent pear, fig, mineral, hazelnut and creamy flavors. The texture is smooth and supple, and the finish goes on and on. Another beauty from Rudd, working with Russian River grapes.—*J.L.*

## Rudd Estate

Chardonnay Carneros 1999  
**93 points | \$35 | 2,800 cases made**

A sleek, yet deceptively rich and complex wine that's deeply concentrated and full of ripe fig, pear, citrus, light toasty oak and hazelnut flavors. Sharply focused and long on the finish, another impressive showing from Rudd.—*J.L.*

## Rudd Estate

Chardonnay Russian River Valley 1999  
**92 points | \$35 | 3,200 cases made**

This Napa winery, with Dave Ramey overseeing winemaking, is seeking the best Chardonnay, in this case sourcing Russian River grapes. Ripe, rich and full-blown, but for all its intensity and concentration, there's a sense of elegance and finesse, as the creamy pear, fig, nectarine and light vanilla-scented oak flavors are delicate and sharply focused. Finishes long and complex.—*J.L.*