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Jean-Claude Rouzaud and son
Frédéric Rouzaud, retired and
current CEO, respectively, of
Roederer Group

A FEDERATION OF ARTISANS

Tradition and prestige link the 11 wine properties that today make up the Roederer Group



Domaine Anderson

REGION: CALIFORNIA

ESTABLISHED 2012 / 50 acres; 5,000 cases produced annually

89	Pinot Noir Anderson Valley 2012	\$50
87	Pinot Noir Anderson Valley Dach Vineyard 2012	\$65

Roederer's success with sparkling wine at Roederer Estate and later Scharffenberger (see profiles above), both in Anderson Valley, convinced Frédéric Rouzaud that Mendocino County could also make excellent still wines.

"We have always made still Pinot Noir and Chardonnay [in small quantities] for the tasting room [at Roederer Estate]," explains Rouzaud. "And we like Anderson Valley—I always thought it could make fantastic still wine."

In 2011, the group acquired a small ranch located near Philo, Calif., with a winery and 20 acres of vines, from the Dach family. "We were already thinking of building a winery," says Rouzaud. "So this was quicker than we expected—we saved two or three years of headaches!"

Renamed Domaine Anderson, the property's first release was the 2012 vintage, with estate bottlings of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir along with single-vineyard releases from each variety. Roederer has continued to invest in the property, growing the total plantings from 20 acres to 50. Winemaker Jerry Murray is an industry veteran of 13 years with a focus on Pinot Noir, including stints at wineries in New Zealand and Germany and, most recently, Oregon's Van Duzer. —A.N.