

Rued Vineyard Chardonnay
Historic Scores and Ratings

2015

94, *Wine Enthusiast*

Editors' Choice

94, *Robert Whitely*

91, *Connoisseurs' Guide*

90, *Wine & Spirits*

5 Stars, *Restaurant Wine*

2013

93, *Wine Enthusiast*

Editors' Choice. "Caramel and butterscotch greet the nose on entry before lushly lean streaks of apple skin and mango weave their way on the dappled palate.

There's a compelling crispness to the finish..."

92, *PinotFile*

92, *Planet Grape*

2011

95, *Wine Enthusiast*

5 Stars, *Restaurant Wine*

2016

5 Stars, *Restaurant Wine*

93, *Anthony Dias Blue*

92, *Connoisseurs' Guide*

91, *Wine Enthusiast*

2014

Chardonnay of the Month, *Forbes*

"...there are those who bring glory to the grape, who remind us why we loved it in the first place. I would place winemaker Dan Goldfield of Dutton-Goldfield in the glory-making category. The 2014 Rued Vineyard Chardonnay is bright with tropical notes of pineapple and peach and finishes with zesty lemon-cream. It drinks beautifully..." KKB

95, *Palate Press*

92, *Wine Enthusiast*

2012

100, *Critics Wine Challenge*

"Inviting aromas of pear, peach skin, lemon and fresh butter. Richly fruited with flavors of lemon curd, pineapple, green apple, and poached pear. Nicely balanced with complimentary oak treatment, finishing dry with bright acidity. A complete wine of considerable charm."

98, *Wine.com*

94, *Wine Enthusiast* - Top Wine of 2014

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2009

5 Stars, *Restaurant Wine*

“...beautifully balanced and elegantly flavored; a moderately rich wine with a long, persistent finish, tasting of peach, candied lemon, passion fruit, vanilla, toast and oak. Exceptional...” *Ronn Wigand*

Double Gold, *American Fine Wine Competition*

92, *Ken's Wine Guide*

90, *Wine Enthusiast*

2010

90, *Connoisseur's Guide*

2008

96, *Wine Enthusiast*

“This vineyard has proven itself for so many years that it's practically a guarantee of greatness. This 2008 is a real stunner. It's so rich & exotic, so balanced & dry, so clean. Dazzles with pear, pineapple, lychee, roasted hazelnut, creme brulee, buttered toast, honey & spice flavors, wrapped into a creamy smooth mouthfeel. Brilliant and compelling.”

4+ Stars, *Restaurant Wine*

90, *Ken's Wine Guide*

2007

92, *Wine Enthusiast*

5 Stars, *Restaurant Wine*

2006

94, *The Wine News*

“Fresh aromas of peach, sliced apple, cinnamon and new oak. Zaftig peach, apple and toasted oak flavors with just enough acidic structure to balance the rush of sweetness in the fruit-driven finish.”

91, *Wine Enthusiast*

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2004

95, *Wine Enthusiast*

Editors' Choice. "Four things define this wine. Extraordinarily ripe fruit, high acidity, a terroir-driven minerality, and lots of new French oak. The flavors are of tropical fruits, the ripest white peaches and vanilla cream, baked into spicy pastry crust. The impression is of impossible richness, California Chardonnay at its most opulent, flamboyant limit."

2002

90, *Wine Spectator*

"A seductive wine, rich in flavor, smooth in texture, with a mix of bold, pear, fig and apple flavors with subtle spicy nuances touching on hazelnut and mineral."

2000

Inaugural Vintage

2005

95, *Wine Enthusiast*

Editors' Choice. "A very fine Chardonnay, complex and layered, and quite dry. Acidity makes the tangerine, kumquat, ripe yellow pear, roasted pineapple and oaky, creme brulee flavors really come alive."

2003

4 Stars, *Restaurant Wine*

2001

91, *Wine Enthusiast*

"Brilliant, intense, nervy and dense are just a few words to describe the feeling and texture of this heavyweight wine. The flavors veer toward bright citrus fruits and pineapple, with complex overlays of toast, lees and vanilla, while the acids are mouthwateringly high."