

# CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA WINE

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## **2000 J Vintage Brut Russian River Valley 93 Points**

In the current set of vintages, we like this regular-sized bottling a bit more than its slightly older magnum counterpart. Vintages sometimes upset the normal order of things, and while we will



almost always prefer a magnum of bubbly to a similar wine in a standard bottle, this set of wines runs in reverse order.

This one is the richer and brighter of the two with elegant aromas that have the refinement of a Blanc de Blancs in their yeasty, stony, brisk yet brilliantly constructed flavors. Its bubbles are energetic and its aftertaste is crisp and long.