

RABBIT RIDGE
named
WINERY OF THE YEAR
By Connoisseur's Guide

"The winery whose performance with many varieties burned brighter than anyone else across the entire year, and our 1998 Winery of the Year, is Rabbit Ridge. Under the practiced oversight of Erich Russell, Rabbit Ridge has proven itself the master of many varieties."

Dan Berger names Erich Russell
Wine maker of the year.

"My wine maker of the year makes great wine. It is not usually expensive. And, probably for that reason, Erich Russell, owner of Rabbit Ridge in Western Sonoma County, gets few accolades from the press. But the mere fact that he has grown in the last decade from a trivial amount of wine to 179,000 cases sold without outside funding, without so much as a press kit, indicates that someone likes what Russell is doing."