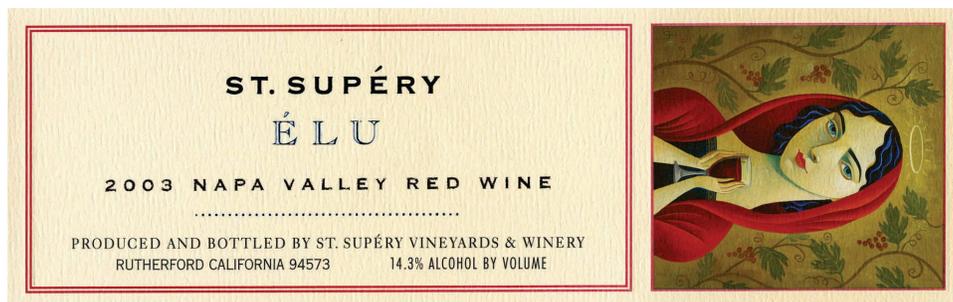


# ST. SUPÉRY ÉLU

2003 NAPA VALLEY RED WINE



## WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*From the out start the 2003 Elú is an amazing wine, there is great depth of both aroma and flavor. The wine begins with hints of cocoa, blackberries and toasted oak. Upon further investigation, one picks up kirsch and black cherries. Elegant, supple and gracefully balanced, and finishing with a lively burst of ripe fruit and supple tannins this one is one not to be missed.*

## WINEMAKING

*2003 has set the stage to be a year to remember in the wine world. A mild winter followed by a wet spring and a hot summer (not to mention an August thunderstorm), all have helped contribute to the development of the grapes this year. A cool, wet spring followed the mild winter and caused a slow down of grape growth. Rain in April and May caused bloom to fall behind previous years by a week and a half. The end of May saw temperatures soaring into the upper 90's and June was no different. In general, summer saw normal temperatures with a few sporadic heat spells throughout. An atypically mild August pushed harvest back more than two weeks, yet allowed for the fruit to hang longer than passed years. This allowed the flavors optimum time to develop while keeping the sugar levels from spiking (which would cause the fruit to be picked much sooner).*

*The fruit for this red blend was harvested during the cool hours of early morning to maximize fresh flavors. Crush occurred in our cellar prior to fermentation and maceration on the skins, after which the wines were drained and pressed to barrels for maturation. After a year in predominantly French oak, a preliminary blend was created and that blended wine put back into barrel in order to begin the process of marrying the flavors of the component varietals. Another twelve months later, the wines went through final evaluation to complete the blend.*

<b>APPELLATION:</b>	NAPA VALLEY
<b>BLEND:</b>	75% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 18% MERLOT, 4% PETIT VERDOT, 2% CABERNET FRANC, 1% MALBEC
<b>COOPERAGE:</b>	60% FRENCH, 40% AMERICAN
<b>PH:</b>	3.58
<b>TOTAL ACIDITY:</b>	6.60 G/L
<b>RESIDUAL SUGAR:</b>	<0.02 G/L
<b>WINE ALCOHOL:</b>	14.3%

