

2013 Napa Valley Estate Élu

St. Supéry Estate Vineyards and Winery is a 100% Estate Grown, sustainably farmed winery committed to producing the highest quality estate wines without compromise. Élu, meaning "chosen" or "elected" in French evolved from St. Supéry Winemaker, Michael Scholz and renowned Winemaker, Michael Rolland's desire to craft a red wine blend each year that is a seamless and elegant reflection of our two properties. This is a wine of great density, yet a sense of charm.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES This elegant red blend is structured with length and a graceful, fine grain of tannin. Vibrant and deep reds and purples introduce Élu, with aromas of black plum and juicy blackberry. The fragrances of anise, graphite, dark cocoa, espresso and toasted barrel add extra depth and richness. Flavors of black plum and youthful blackberry are complemented with a hint of cassis, together with notes of espresso, black pepper and black licorice.

VINTAGE 2013 The winter of early 2013 began with little rainfall, but precipitation improved in February and March. Spring was dry and warm, the best conditions to encourage vine growth. Excellent weather continued throughout the summer with temperatures that were warm but not extreme. With one rain event in September settling the dust, harvest took place under exceptional weather conditions that resulted in phenomenal ripening of the fruit. Harvested by hand in the cool morning hours, the grapes were brought to the winery where they were hand sorted. Warm fermentation temperatures along with gentle cap maceration helped achieve the desired color and structure for the wine before an extended maceration time on the skins.



Napa Valley

VINEYARD

Rutherford Estate Vineyard Dollarhide Estate Vineyard

VARIETY/BLEND

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 9% Malbec, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (52% new French oak) for 19 months

ΡН

3.70

T. ACIDITY

 $6.0~\mathrm{g/L}$

ALCOHOL

14.5%

HARVEST DATES

Sept 12 - Oct 23, 2013

BOTTLING DATE

July 20, 2015

CASE PRODUCTION

2,556 cases





