

2014 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 graceful and structured wine presents dark purple hues with aromas of deep black plum, blackberry, espresso and notes of anise. Flavors of blackberry, cassis, molasses and toasted barrel add extra depth and texture. The 2014 Napa Valley Élu is rich and complex with a nice mouthfeel and excellent length.

VINTAGE 2014 In 2014, we experienced a continuation of the drought in Napa Valley and reduced snowpack in the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Our vineyards saw the first significant rainfall of the year in February, bringing a welcome soak of eight inches that helped replenish thirsty water reserves. While March gave us some additional rain, the growing season remained dry. May was warm, leading to a hot June with the heat continuing through early October at the height of harvest. In the cool morning hours, the grapes were harvested by hand and 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.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VINEYARD

Rutherford Estate Vineyard Dollarhide Estate Vineyard

VARIETY/BLEND

61% Cabernet Sauvignon 22% Merlot 12% Malbec 4% Petit Verdot

1% Cabernet Franc

OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (47% new French oak) for 19 months

ΡН

3.69

T. ACIDITY

 $6.1 \,\mathrm{g/L}$

ALCOHOL

14.5%

HARVEST DATES

Sept 12 - Oct 7, 2014

BOTTLING DATE

July 19 - 20, 2016

CASE PRODUCTION

2,274 cases





