



## 2012 NAPA VALLEY, RUTHERFORD ESTATE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

St. Supéry Estate Vineyards and Winery is a 100% Estate Grown, sustainably farmed winery located in the renowned Rutherford growing region in the heart of Napa Valley. The vineyard sits on the “Rutherford Bench” of mineral-rich alluvial and well-drained soils allowing the grapevine’s root systems to mine for nutrients and water yielding complex and concentrated flavors. Committed to producing the highest quality estate wines without compromise, we focus on sustainable winery and farming operations to protect the land and environment for future generations.

**WINEMAKER’S NOTES** Deep hues of purple and red reflect the density of this wine. Aromas of blackberry and raspberry are met with nuances of espresso, dark chocolate mocha, a hint of graphite and toasted oak. Sweet ripe blackberry and black plum dominate the palate with notes of anise and charred oak in the background. This is a centered wine with a tremendous, supple texture.

**VINTAGE 2012** The season of 2012 commenced with a very dry and cold winter. The lack of water was concerning as the dry spell in Napa Valley persisted through the end of February. March eased the burden with nine inches of rain, replenishing groundwater reserves. A warm spring and a moderate to hot June, July and August followed. This provided excellent ripening weather through the summer, which was then followed by a warm September, allowing a good, even and progressive harvest. October kicked off with a hot start followed by warm conditions. The grapes were harvested by hand in the cool morning hours, 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**  
Rutherford, Napa Valley

**VINEYARD**  
Rutherford Estate Vineyard

**VARIETY/BLEND**  
96% Cabernet Sauvignon  
2% Merlot  
2% Cabernet Franc

**OAK MATURATION**  
100% French oak (81% new French oak) for 19 months

**PH**  
3.72

**T. ACIDITY**  
5.7 g/L

**ALCOHOL**  
14.5%

**HARVEST DATES**  
October 13, 18 - 20, 2012

**BOTTLING DATE**  
July 18, 2014

**CASE PRODUCTION**  
981 cases



ESTATE GROWN + SUSTAINABLY FARMED + CERTIFIED NAPA GREEN

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