



2012 NAPA VALLEY, RUTHERFORD ESTATE VINEYARD MERLOT

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 shades of reds and purples present in this single vineyard Merlot. Aromas of rich ripe blackberry with subtle notes of currant, anise and charred oak combine with just a hint of graphite. Flavors of black plum and dark mocha, couple with subtle raspberry, espresso and toasted vanillin barrel. This is a wine of fine texture, terrific length and structure.

VINTAGE 2012 The season of 2012 commenced with a very dry and cold winter. The lack of water was concerning as this dry spell in Napa Valley persisted through the end of February, while the Sierras had minimal snowfall. 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. 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.

APPELLATION
Rutherford, Napa Valley

VINEYARD
Rutherford Estate Vineyard

VARIETY/BLEND
99% Merlot
1% Cabernet Sauvignon

OAK MATURATION
100% French oak (51% new French oak) for 19 months

PH
3.69

T. ACIDITY
5.8 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.5%

HARVEST DATES
October 13 - 19, 2012

BOTTLING DATE
July 21, 2014

CASE PRODUCTION
2,202 cases



ESTATE GROWN + SUSTAINABLY FARMED + CERTIFIED NAPA GREEN

ST. SUPÉRY ESTATE VINEYARDS AND WINERY

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