

2015 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 2015 Despite good rainfall in December of 2014, January and February of 2015 brought warm, spring-like daytime temperatures with minimal precipitation. Little rain was recorded in March and April and as the temperatures cooled, the fruit set slowly over three weeks. May stayed warm and we experienced significant hot spells in June, July and August. Harvest of Cabernet Sauvignon grapes in Rutherford kicked off on September 9 and while yields were light, the quality of our fruit was terrific. In the cool morning hours, the grapes were harvested by hand and brought to the winery where they were hand sorted. 16% of the sorted berries were placed directly into new French Oak barrels where they went through natural fermentation. The barrels were hand rolled six times a day to encourage cap maceration and extraction from the berries. After fermentation, the wine remained on the skins for an extended maceration and barrel integration. Once complete, the wine was drained and the skins removed. The drained wine then returned to the same barrel to age for 19 months.



Rutherford, Napa Valley

VINEYARD

Rutherford Estate Vineyard

VARIETY/BLEND

83% Cabernet Sauvignon

9% Merlot

8% Petit Verdot

OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (81% new French oak) for 19 months, 16% barrel fermented

PH

3.62

T. ACIDITY 5.9 g/L

ALCOHOL

14.5%

HARVEST DATES

Sept 9 - Oct 5, 2015

BOTTLING DATE

August 3, 2017

CASE PRODUCTION 569 cases





CABERNET SAUVIGNON