

## 2017 NAPA VALLEY ESTATE Virtú

St. Supéry Estate Vineyards and Winery is a 100% Estate Grown, sustainably farmed winery committed to producing the highest quality estate wines without compromise. Virtú, a blend of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc, offers a seamless integrity and depth found only in great wines. The wine's name comes from the ancient Italian word for virtue which, during the Renaissance, was used to signify artistic skill. Today, it means excellence with slight overtones of purity or even saintliness.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES Elegant shades of pale yellow are displayed in this blend of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc grapes. Aromas of lemon grass, lime and a hint of pear are framed by a fantastic French oak quality of toasted oak. Flavors of green lime, lemon grass and kiwi fruit are met with a creamy texture from the sur-lie maturation. The palate is complete with a subtle thread of toasted oak adding complexity to this bright and vibrant white wine.

**VINTAGE 2017** An extreme winter in 2017 left our lakes full which was welcome after several dry years. This ground water primed the vineyards for what turned out to be another wonderful harvest. Early spring saw nice days with May quickly warming up. The summer experienced a number of heat spells and caused the vineyards to accelerate their ripening, while conditions remained dry. Sauvignon Blanc grapes were harvested on August 28 and Semillon harvest began on September 9. The fruit arrived in great condition and the results have been rewarding. Picked in the cool morning hours, the fruit was pressed and immediately chilled and settled prior to fermentation which occurred partly in tanks and in

barrels.

APPELLATION Napa Valley

**VINEYARD** Dollarhide Estate Vineyard

**VARIETY/BLEND** 59% Semillon 41% Sauvignon Blanc

**т. асіріту** 6.0 g/L **FERMENTATION** 12% Malolactic, 30% Tank, 70% Barrel

French oak) for 5 months

OAK MATURATION 100% French oak (35% new

РН

3.16

2017 BOTTLING DATE April 13, 2018

HARVEST DATES

Aug 28 and Sept 2-11 and 22,

**асонос** 13.5%

**CASE PRODUCTION** 779 cases





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