

## 2016 NAPA VALLEY, DOLLARHIDE ESTATE VINEYARD PETIT VERDOT

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. Dollarhide Ranch is a 1,530+ acre property with steep, rolling hills, some flat lands, seven lakes and a vast array of wildlife located in the northeastern hills of Napa Valley. With elevations ranging from 600 – 1,100 feet, we have planted over 500 acres of grapevines, leaving the rest of the property to thrive in its natural state. 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 and dark purple hues present this Petit Verdot. Aromas of young blueberry, raspberry and black plum are laced with notes of vanilla, clove, espresso, and anise. Flavors of blackberry and dried plum combine with black pepper, black licorice, and dark chocolate with big structure and density typical of this variety. This is a big, bold, structured wine. Enjoy!

**VINTAGE 2016** 2016 saw a near-perfect growing season. A warm spring jumpstarted bud break and an ideal June and July followed with moderate daytime temperatures and cool nights. August was cooler allowing for an even and steady growing season which encouraged the fruit to ripen uniformly under slow, steady conditions. At St. Supéry, we grow all of our own grapes, so we can make the best farming decisions possible in our vineyards. Petit Verdot harvest kicked off on September 24th, 2016. Yields are as expected and the quality of the fruit is exceptional.

The fruit was hand harvested in the cool morning hours and brought to the winery in half ton bins. At the winery, the clusters were sorted using a double sorting system. First, the clusters were sorted by hand. The fruit then ran through a small destemmer prior to the individual berries being sorted to ensure that the most ideal grapes were chosen. These berries were delivered to a fermenter where there was a period of resting on skins. Warm fermentation temperatures were encouraged along with gentle cap maceration to achieve the desired color and structure for the wine before an extended maceration time on skins prior to final pressing. The wine was transferred directly to barrel for 18 months of maturation.

Thirty one percent of the sorted berries used in this blend were fermented in French Oak barrels to add layers of complexity to the wine. After fermentation, the wine remained in those same barrels for aging.

**APPELLATION**

Napa Valley

**VINEYARD**

Dollarhide Estate Vineyard

**VARIETY/BLEND**

83% petit verdot  
11% malbec  
5% cabernet sauvignon

**OAK MATURATION**

100% French oak (31% new  
French oak) for 18 months

**PH**

3.87

**T. ACIDITY**

5.41 g/L

**ALCOHOL**

14.5%

**HARVEST DATES**

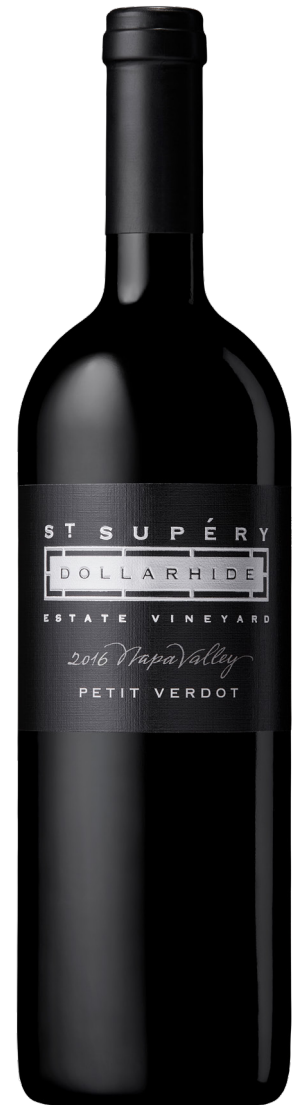
Sept 24, Oct 10 and 12, 2016

**BOTTLING DATE**

July 26, 2018

**CASE PRODUCTION**

400 cases



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