



2017 NAPA VALLEY, DOLLARHIDE ESTATE VINEYARD MALBEC

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 This is a deep, dark red wine with purple hues. Aromas of black mulberry, ripe figs, dried tobacco leaves and a hint black licorice lead to appealing flavors of dark fruit, cassis, dried plums, kalamata olives and cocoa powder supported by fine-grained tannins.

VINTAGE 2017 An extreme winter in 2017 left our lakes full, which was welcome after several dry years. This groundwater primed the vineyards for what turned out to be another excellent harvest. Early spring saw lovely days with May quickly warming up. Several heat spells in summer caused the vineyards to accelerate ripening, while conditions remained dry. At St. Supéry, we grow all of our grapes, so we can make the best farming decisions possible in our vineyards. As Malbec is a later-ripening black grape, harvest kicked off on October 18, 2017. Yields were 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. First, the clusters were first 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 20 months of maturation.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VINEYARD

Dollarhide Estate Vineyard

VARIETY/BLEND

77% Malbec

18% Petit Verdot

2% Merlot

1% Cabernet Sauvignon

OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (36% new French oak) for 20 months

PH

3.84

T. ACIDITY

6.7 g/L

ALCOHOL

14.5%

HARVEST DATES

October 18 and 21, 2017

BOTTLING DATE

August 6, 2019

CASE PRODUCTION

566 cases



ESTATE GROWN + SUSTAINABLY FARMED + CERTIFIED NAPA GREEN

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