

## 2017 NAPA VALLEY ESTATE ÉLU

St. Supéry Estate Vineyards and Winery is a 100% Estate Grown, sustainably farmed winery committed to producing the highest quality estate wines without compromise. Élu, meaning “chosen” or “elected” in French evolved from St. Supéry Winemaker, Michael Scholz and renowned Winemaker, Michel Rolland’s desire to craft a red wine blend each year that is a seamless and elegant reflection of our two properties. This is a wine of great density, yet a sense of charm.

**WINEMAKER’S NOTES** This wine presents with deep shades of reds and purples. Aromas of dark fruit, blackberry and black plum combine with elements of espresso, vanillin and molasses, as well as notes of smoky oak and dusty terroir. Flavors of dark plum and cassis follow with anise and toasted barrel attributes. This red blend offers a finely textured silky structure with density and a graceful appeal.

**VINTAGE 2017** An extreme winter 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 summer heat spells caused the vineyards to accelerate their ripening, while conditions remained dry. Red grapes harvest kicked off on September 25, 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. The clusters were sorted using a double sorting system. First, they were hand-sorted then they ran through a small de-stemmer before the individual berries were sorted to ensure the ideal grapes were selected. These berries were delivered to a fermenter for 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. Seven percent of the sorted berries for this blend was 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

Rutherford Estate Vineyard  
Dollarhide Estate Vineyard

### VARIETY/BLEND

77% Cabernet Sauvignon  
13% Merlot  
7% Petit Verdot  
2% Cabernet Franc  
1% Malbec

### OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (40% new  
French oak) for 20 months,  
7% barrel fermented

### PH

3.75

### T. ACIDITY

6.1 g/L

### ALCOHOL

14.5%

### HARVEST DATES

Sept 25 - Oct 25, 2017

### BOTTLING DATE

August 5, 2019

### CASE PRODUCTION

2,127 cases



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