



2017 NAPA VALLEY, RUTHERFORD ESTATE VINEYARD CABERNET FRANC

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 Dense with dark reds and purples in the glass. Aromas of black pepper, dark roasted coffee, anise, dried tobacco leaves mingle with notes of black plum. Flavors of dried currant and black cherry couple with dark chocolate and a dusty fine-grain of tannin on the palate. This is a structured wine with excellent length.

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 summer heat spells caused the vineyards to accelerate ripening, while conditions remained dry. Yields were as expected; quality 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 first sorted by hand. The fruit then ran through a small de-stemmer that dropped the grapes onto a sorting tray where the individual berries were hand-sorted, ensuring only the ideal grapes were chosen. These berries were delivered to a small open-top fermenter to rest on skins for period. 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. Thirty six percent of the sorted berries used in 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
Rutherford, Napa Valley

VINEYARD
Rutherford Estate Vineyard

VARIETY/BLEND
89% Cabernet Franc
11% Merlot

OAK MATURATION
100% French oak (45% new French oak) for 20 months, 36% barrel fermented

PH
3.51

T. ACIDITY
6.2 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.5%

HARVEST DATES
Sept 25 - Oct 16, 2017

BOTTLING DATE
August 19&20, 2019

CASE PRODUCTION
790 cases



ESTATE GROWN + SUSTAINABLY FARMED + CERTIFIED NAPA GREEN

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