



2018 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 Vibrant and deep colors of red and purple commence this wine. Black plum, juicy blackberry and black olive are threaded with anise, graphite, and vanillin from the toasted barrel. Flavors of dried black plum and blackberry are complimented with a hint of black licorice. The wine has a freshness to it with texture and a graceful, fine grain tannin. Enjoy!

VINTAGE 2018 The 2018 growing season started with a relatively mild winter and spring. There was some decent rain in early and mid-January, almost none in February, and a fair amount in March and April which filled up our lakes and kicked off the growing season. With a warm July, markedly cooler temperatures in August with no heat spikes, the weather remained ideal through September and October. There was a little rain in early October, but warm weather and dry breezes followed, allowing the grapes to hang on the vines longer and further develop their flavors. Harvest continued through November because of the ideal weather enabling the fruit to stay on the vine with no pressure from Mother Nature. The quality of the fruit was terrific, and the resulting wines show tremendous promise.

WINEMAKING 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 removing stems from the grapes before the individual berries being sorted to ensure the ideal grapes were selected. 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.

Nineteen percent of the sorted berries used in this blend were fermented in French oak barrels, thirteen percent of the sorted berries were fermented in small concrete tanks, both to add layers of complexity to the wine.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (47% new)
for 20 months

ALCOHOL

14.5%

VINEYARD

Dollarhide Estate Vineyard
Rutherford Estate Vineyard

PH

3.66

HARVEST DATES

September 22 - November 2, 2018

VARIETY/BLEND

64% Cabernet Sauvignon
19% Merlot, 9% Malbec
5% Petit Verdot
3% Cabernet Franc

T. ACIDITY

6.0 g/L

BOTTLING DATE

June 17-18, 2020



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