



## 2018 RUTHERFORD ESTATE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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** Deep hues of purple and red illustrate the density of this wine. Red cherry, plum, and raspberry, and goji berries encompass nuances of coffee, black pepper, a hint of graphite, and toasted oak. Sweet ripe blackberry and plum dominate with integrations of anise and charred oak. This is a centered wine with a nice texture.

**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 de-stemmer that removed stems from the grapes before the individual berries being sorted to ensure that the 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 final pressing. The wine was transferred directly to barrel for 19 months of maturation.

Thirty five percent of the sorted berries used in this blend was fermented in small French tanks, thirty one percent of the sorted berries were fermented in small concrete tanks, and nineteen percent of the berries were fermented in new French oak barrels, all to add layers of complexity to the wine.

### APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

### VINEYARD

Rutherford Estate Vineyard

### VARIETY/BLEND

91% Cabernet Sauvignon  
9% Merlot

### OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (81% new)  
for 19 months

*Oak Tank Fermented 35%*

*Concrete Fermented 31%*

*Barrel Fermented 19%*

### PH

3.74

### T. ACIDITY

6.5 g/L

### ALCOHOL

14.5%

### HARVEST DATES

October 20-27, 2018

### BOTTLING DATE

July 28, 2020



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