

# 2019 DOLLARHIDE 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. 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 cabernet sauvignon presents with deep, dark reds and purples. Aromas are opulent with mocha and ripe black plum, cassis and a subtle thread of anise. A rich, dense profile follows with flavors of dark, ripe blackberry, plum and dark chocolate with a hint of black licorice. This is a serious cabernet sauvignon with integrity built to reward with time in the cellar.

VINTAGE 2019 In 2019, we experienced a very wet winter and spring, capturing 41 inches of rain at Dollarhide. A mild spring with one late-May rainfall resulted in damp soils and healthy canopy growth. Other than one mid-June heat spell, summer was warm and dry, allowing for consistent and balanced ripening. Late summer and early fall continued to provide steady warmth. As evenings began to cool, the fall growing season was extended. October became quite cold, early. It was a good even ripening season with a mild summer resulting in excellent wine of great flavor and density.

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 that removed stems from the grapes 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 19 months of maturation.

Seven percent of the sorted berries used in this blend were fermented in small French oak tanks, twenty three percent of the sorted berries were fermented in new French oak barrels and fourteen percent of the blend was fermented in small concrete tanks, all to add layers of complexity to the wine.

## APPELLATION

Napa Valley

#### VINEYARD

Dollarhide Estate Vineyard

## VARIETY/BLEND

97% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Merlot

#### OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (63% new) for 19 months Barrel fermented 23%

Concrete fermented 14% Oak tank fermented 7%

ΡН 3.70

T. ACIDITY 6.2 g/L

## ALCOHOL

14.5%

### HARVEST DATES

September 21 - October 16, 2019

#### BOTTLING DATE

August 19, 2021

## CASE PRODUCTION

1,372



