



## 2019 RUTHERFORD ESTATE VINEYARD MERLOT

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 shades of red and purple commence this wine. Luscious, fresh black plum with some notes of dark, ripe raspberry, anise, and toasted oak combine with a hint graphite. Flavors of rich black cherry and mocha coupled with a subtle cinnamon, clove, and toffee. A smooth, silky pallet with elegant tannins presents this wine. Enjoy!

**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 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 to final pressing. The wine was transferred directly to barrel for 19 months of maturation.

Forty one percent of the sorted berries used in this blend were fermented in French oak barrels. After fermentation, the wine remained in those same barrels for aging. Sixteen percent of the blend was fermented in small concrete tanks. The different fermentation techniques add layers and textures to the wine.

### APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

### VINEYARD

Rutherford Estate Vineyard

### VARIETY/BLEND

78% Merlot  
19% Cabernet Sauvignon  
3% Petit Verdot

### OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (50% new)  
for 19 months

### PH

3.49

### T. ACIDITY

6.5 g/L

### ALCOHOL

14.5%

### HARVEST DATES

September 25 - October 11, 2019

### BOTTLING DATE

August 18, 2021



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