



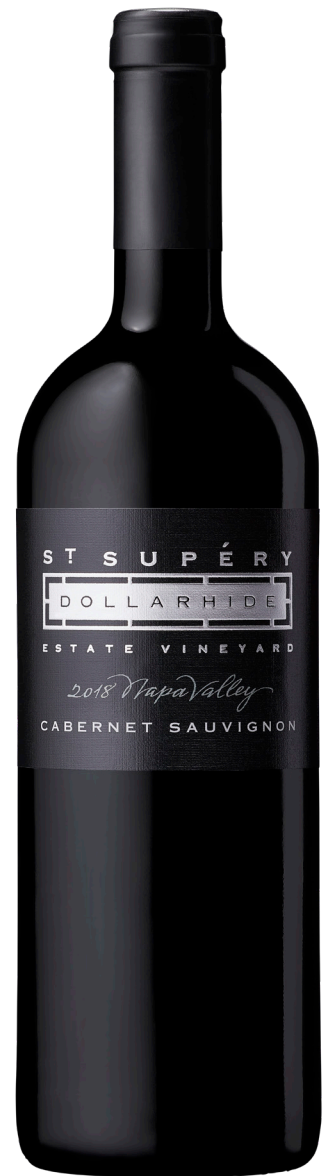
## 2018 NAPA VALLEY, DOLLARHIDE ESTATE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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's dark fruit aromas of black plum and cassis are tight yet bright with hints of vanillin and toasted barrel, with a note of licorice and ground pepper. Big juicy blackberry flavors are evenly textured, structured and carry with length. The wine is ripe and opulent with an appealing note of dark chocolate and dusty cocoa feel. A serious cabernet sauvignon that has integrity; built to reward with time in the cellar.

**VINTAGE 2018** The 2018 growing season started with a relatively mild winter and spring. Winter and early spring provided enough water to fill the lakes at Dollarhide Ranch. With a warm July, markedly cooler temperatures in August, absent of heat spikes, the weather remained ideal through September and October. Early October saw a small amount of rain, but warm weather and dry breezes followed, allowing the grapes to hang on the vines longer, further developing their flavors. With the ideal weather, harvest continued through November 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.

The fruit was hand-harvested in the cool morning hours and brought to the winery. 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 before the individual berries being sorted to ensure the ideal grapes were selected. These berries were delivered to a fermenter where they rested on their skins. Warm fermentation temperatures along with gentle cap maceration to achieve the desired color and structure, before an extended maceration time on skins prior to final pressing. The wine was transferred directly to barrel for 19 months of maturation. Twelve percent of the sorted berries used in this blend was fermented in small French oak tanks, ten percent of the sorted berries were fermented in new French oak barrels and nine 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

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (62% new French oak) for 19 months,  
*Oak tank fermented 12%*  
*Barrel fermented 10%*  
*Concrete fermented 9%*

### PH

3.64

### T. ACIDITY

6.2 g/L

### ALCOHOL

14.5%

### HARVEST DATES

Oct 11 - Nov 2, 2018

### BOTTLING DATE

June 27, 2020

### CASE PRODUCTION

1,602 cases



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