



## 2019 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 red varieties. This is a wine of great density, yet a sense of charm.

**WINEMAKER'S NOTES** The 2019 Élu has an intense dark ruby color with ripe blackberry, blueberry, mocha, dried fig and crushed black pepper aromatics. The wine is full-bodied and layered with fine grain tannin structure and refinement. On the palate, the velvety texture highlights juicy black plum, cassis, dusty cocoa powder, and notes of roasted espresso with a lingering finish.

**VINTAGE 2019** In 2019, we experienced a very wet winter and spring, capturing 41 inches of rain at Dollarhide Estate. 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. The clusters were then 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 the ideal grapes were selected. Sorted 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 eight percent of the sorted berries used in this blend were fermented in French oak barrels and three percent were fermented in small concrete tanks, both to add layers of complexity to the wine.

#### APPELLATION

Napa Valley

#### VINEYARD

Dollarhide Estate Vineyard  
Rutherford Estate Vineyard

#### VARIETY/BLEND

71% Cabernet Sauvignon  
18% Merlot, 5% Cabernet  
Franc, 3% Malbec  
3% Petit Verdot

#### OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (53% new)  
for 19 months

#### PH

3.63

#### T. ACIDITY

6.4 g/L

#### ALCOHOL

14.5%

#### HARVEST DATES

September 21 - October 11, 2019

#### BOTTLING DATE

August 2, 2021



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