

2023 Napa Valley Estate Virtú

St. Supéry Estate Vineyards and Winery is a 100% Estate Grown, sustainably farmed winery committed to producing the highest quality estate wines without compromise. Virtú, a blend of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc, offers a seamless integrity and depth found only in great wines. The wine's name comes from the ancient Italian word for virtue which, during the Renaissance, was used to signify artistic skill. Today, it means excellence with slight overtones of purity or even saintliness.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES A distinctive wine with aromas offering notes of pink grapefruit, green apple, lemon grass, and kiwi with an undercurrent of spice. Flavors of citrus including lemon and Key lime, white peach, and flinty character are focused and encouraged with creamy, toasted oak nuance. A unique white wine with freshness, depth and length.

VINTAGE 2023 The 2023 growing season was entirely about patience. A long, wet winter and spring filled our lakes and nourished the soils. With the cooler start to the season, budbreak was several weeks behind average. Once warm, mild weather conditions took over in the late spring and early summer, abundant shoot growth in May and June proceeded. Canopy management was vital to veraison, which occurred in mid to late July. The first Sauvignon Blanc fruit was picked on August 16th. Over the course of the following month, mild warm temperatures created perfect conditions for managed picking decisions. The Sémillon was picked September 21st. The longer hang time allowed the fruit to catch optimum ripening, creating a superb vintage with bright, fresh white wines that show varietal flavors and textures.

WINEMAKING After achieving the desired flavors on the vine, the Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc were harvested in the cool morning hours in an effort to preserve the delicate flavors. In the cellar, grapes were pressed to tank and immediately chilled and settled prior to fermentation. Thirty five percent of the fermentation was completed in stainless steel tank and fifty five percent was fermented in barrel at cool temperatures to maintain and enhance the natural flavors. Ten percent was fermented in concrete adding a touch of minerality to the wine. The final blend was completed after 5 months of maturation on yeast lees.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VINEYARD

Dollarhide Estate Vineyard

VARIETY/BLEND

54% Sémillon 46% Sauvignon Blanc

OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (22% new) for 5 months

Malo-lactic Fermentation 11% Stainless Tank Fermentation 35% Barrel Fermentation 55% Concrete Fermentation 10%

РН 3.17

T. ACIDITY

6.7 g/L

ALCOHOL

13.5%

HARVEST DATES

August 28 - September 21, 2023

BOTTLING DATE

May 2, 2024



