



2019 RUTHERFORD ESTATE VINEYARD CABERNET FRANC

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 This wine presents with deep purple and red hues. Ripe boysenberry and red plum combine with crushed red pepper, black pepper and vanillin from the toast of the French oak. Flavors of currant, dried cranberry and cocoa are ever present and intertwined with integrated notes of oak maturation. This wine is structured with a note of terroir, length and a fine, even, plush tannin.

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 and dropped the fruit onto the sorting tray. Finally, the individual berries were hand-sorted to ensure that the ideal grapes were chosen. These berries were delivered to a small open-top 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.

Fifty two percent of the sorted berries used in this blend were fermented in French oak barrels to add layers of complexity to the wine. After fermentation, the wine remained in those same barrels for aging.

APPELLATION

Rutherford, Napa Valley

OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (56% new)
for 19 months

ALCOHOL

14.5%

VINEYARD

Rutherford Estate Vineyard

PH

3.55

HARVEST DATES

October 2-11, 2019

VARIETY/BLEND

79% Cabernet Franc
14% Merlot
7% Cabernet Sauvignon

T. ACIDITY

6.7 g/L

BOTTLING DATE

August 17, 2021



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