



## 2021 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** Deep red and inky purple hue with aromas of black cherry, boysenberry, Mission fig, graphite, and espresso bean with hints of black olive tapenade and fennel pollen. Full and richly layered on the palate with notes plum, dark cherry, cassis, toasted oak and dried herbs. A wine of complexity and nuance with freshness and elegance, silky tannin structure and a lingering finish.

**VINTAGE 2021** The growing season of 2021 saw extremely low rainfall followed by a warm summer. The result of this season was an early harvest and a light yielding crop. These growing conditions typically correspond to a high-quality fruit and low yields. Overall, 2021 did not disappoint, creating wines with opulent aromatics, terrific volume and flavors with tremendous persistence.

**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, then through a small de-stemmer before the individual berries were sorted to ensure the ideal selection. The berries were then 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. Eighteen percent of the sorted berries were fermented in small concrete tanks and fourteen percent were fermented in French oak barrels, adding layers of complexity to the wine.

### APPELLATION

Napa Valley

### VINEYARD

Dollarhide Estate Vineyard  
Rutherford Estate Vineyard

### VARIETY/BLEND

70% Cabernet Sauvignon  
14% Merlot, 10% Malbec,  
3% Petit Verdot

### OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (61% new)  
for 19 months

### PH

3.77

### T. ACIDITY

6.3 g/L

### ALCOHOL

14.5%

### HARVEST DATES

August 26 - October 13, 2021

### BOTTLING DATE

July 18, 2023



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