

## 2017 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 presents with deep, dark reds and purples. Aromas are opulent with ripe blackberry, black plum, cassis, chocolate, and toasted oak. A rich, dense profile follows with flavors of cassis and ripe black fruits, espresso, mocha, and molasses with subtle oak influence. This is a deep, structured wine with excellent fine-grain tannin.

VINTAGE 2017 An extreme winter in 2017 left our lakes full, which was welcome after several dry years. This groundwater primed the vineyards for what turned out to be another excellent harvest. Early spring saw lovely days with May quickly warming up. The summer experienced several heat spells and caused the vineyards to accelerate their ripening, while conditions remained dry. At St. Supéry, we grow all of our grapes, so we can make the best farming decisions possible in our vineyards. Cabernet Sauvignon harvest kicked off on October 23, 2017. Yields are as expected, and the quality of the fruit is exceptional. 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 de-stemmer that removed stems from the grapes before the individual berries being sorted to ensure the ideal grapes were chosen. These 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 20 months of maturation.



VINEYARD

Dollarhide Estate Vineyard

VARIETY/BLEND 98% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Petit Verdot

## OAK MATURATION

100% French oak (54% new French oak) for 20 months, 22% barrel fermented

ΡН 3.78

T. ACIDITY 6.1 g/L

## ALCOHOL

14.5%

HARVEST DATES Oct 23 - Oct 30, 2017

BOTTLING DATE August 7&8, 2019

CASE PRODUCTION 1,474 cases





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