



2016 NAPA VALLEY, RUTHERFORD ESTATE VINEYARD MERLOT

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 Deep shades of reds and purples commence this wine. Luscious ripe black cherry with some notes of nutmeg, cinnamon, coffee, and toasted oak combine with a hint graphite. Flavors of rich black plum and chocolate, coupled with subtle raspberry and toasted vanillin barrel. A smooth, silky pallet with elegant tannins presents this wine.

VINTAGE 2016 2016 saw a near-perfect growing season. A warm spring jumpstarted bud break and an ideal June and July followed. August was cooler allowing the fruit to ripen uniformly under slow, constant conditions. Merlot harvest kicked off on September 16th, 2016. The fruit was hand-harvested in the cool morning hours and brought to the winery in half-ton bins. Clusters were sorted using a double sorting system: first, the clusters were sorted by hand then the individual berries were sorted to ensure that only the ideal grapes were chosen. These grapes were delivered to a fermenter for a period of resting on skins. Warm fermentation temperatures were encouraged along with gentle cap maceration to achieve the desired color and structure before an extended maceration time on skins prior to final pressing. The wine was transferred directly to barrel where it aged for 19 months. Twenty-nine percent of the berries used in this blend were fermented then aged in French Oak barrels for added layers of complexity.

APPELLATION
Rutherford, Napa Valley

VINEYARD
Rutherford Estate Vineyard

VARIETY/BLEND
88% Merlot
6% Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Cabernet Franc
2% Petit Verdot

OAK MATURATION
100% French oak (43% new French oak) for 19 months, 29% barrel fermented

PH
3.57

T. ACIDITY
5.92 g/L

ALCOHOL
14.5%

HARVEST DATES
Sept 16, 24 and 30, 2016
October 1, 2016

BOTTLING DATE
July 27, 2018

CASE PRODUCTION
1,172 cases



ESTATE GROWN + SUSTAINABLY FARMED + CERTIFIED NAPA GREEN

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