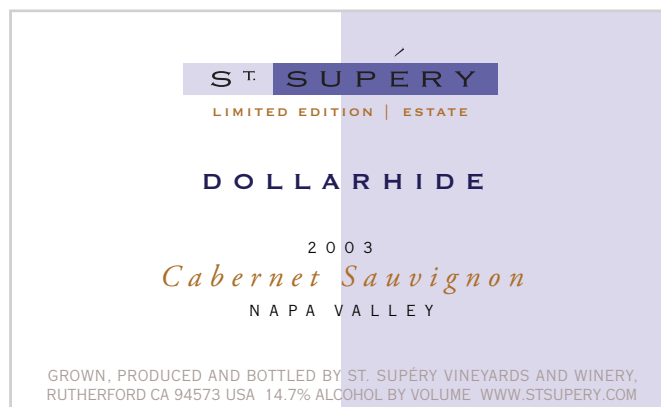


# 2003 LIMITED EDITION DOLLARHIDE RANCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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NAPA VALLEY



## WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*This Cabernet Sauvignon combines richness and concentration with an incredible sense of elegance and finesse. The layers of blackberry, anise, and cassis with just the right amount of toast create a wonderful aroma. Copiously flavored with black currant, truffle, black raspberry with espresso, this wine becomes more complex as it slowly opens up. The finish firms up nicely with ripe round tannins that give it a concentrated and well-focused core of fruit.*

## WINEMAKING

*2003 has set the stage to be a year to remember in the wine world. A mild winter followed by a wet spring and a hot summer (not to mention an August thunderstorm), all have helped contribute to the development of the grapes this year. A cool, wet spring followed the mild winter and caused a slow down of grape growth. Rain in April and May caused bloom to fall behind previous years by a week and a half. The end of May saw temperatures soaring into the upper 90's and June was no different. In general, summer saw normal temperatures with a few sporadic heat spells throughout. An atypically mild August pushed harvest back more than two weeks, yet allowed for the fruit to hang longer than passed years. This allowed the flavors optimum time to develop while keeping the sugar levels from spiking (which would cause the fruit to be picked much sooner).*

*The fruit for this Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested during the cool hours of early morning to maximize fresh flavors. Crush occurred in our cellar prior to fermentation and maceration on the skins, after which the wines were drained and pressed to barrels for maturation. Nineteen months later, the wines went through final evaluation to complete the blend.*



**VINEYARD:** DOLLARHIDE RANCH  
**APPELLATION:** NAPA VALLEY  
**BLEND:** 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
(73% BLOCK 10, 27% BLOCK 8C)  
**OAK:** 71% FRENCH OAK, 29% AMERICAN OAK; 41% NEW OAK  
**PH:** 3.62  
**WINE ALCOHOL:** 14.7%