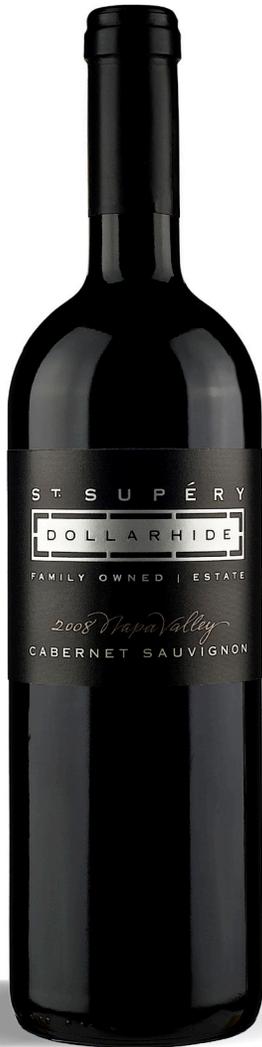


## 2008 Dollarhide Estate Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

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### *Winemaker's Notes:*

This Cabernet presents with an attractive red and purple hue. Ripe black currant dominates the aromas with notes of black cherry, espresso, dark chocolate, toasted oak and a hint of cedar completing the bouquet. Rich flavors of black plum and blackberry are enhanced by dark mocha and vanillin, toasted oak and a subtle sense of terroir. This is a structured wine with depth, complexity and grace.

### *Growing Season:*

The dry season of 2008 was a challenging one for growing grapes. After a cold January and warm February, we had a significant frost season in the spring. This was followed by an unusual heat spell in May accompanied with windy conditions. June was reasonably mild and July brought only one hot week. The 2008 growing season encouraged excellent flavors to progress and encouraged quality, although overall yields were lower.

### *Winemaking:*

The fruit was harvested in the cool morning hours, then crushed to tank where fermentation commenced after a brief period of resting on skins. Warm fermentation temperatures were encouraged 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 33 months of maturation.

### *Dollarhide Estate Vineyard:*

St. Supéry's Dollarhide Estate Vineyard is planted with close to 500 acres of grape vines, leaving the remaining more than 1,000 acres to thrive in their natural state. Vineyard elevations ranging from 600 to 1,100 feet above sea level, 12 different soil series, 15 different soil variations and a unique microclimate combine at Dollarhide to create an especially accommodating growing environment. Napa Valley's warm days and cool nights are slightly exaggerated at Dollarhide because of its elevation and its distance from the cooling effects of San Pablo Bay. This climate yields ripe, luscious, well-balanced grapes that produce well-balanced food wines.

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<b>Appellation</b>	Napa Valley
<b>Vineyard</b>	Dollarhide Estate Vineyard
<b>Variety/Blend</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Oak Maturation</b>	100% French oak, 90% new French oak for 33 months
<b>pH</b>	3.77
<b>T. Acidity</b>	6.2 g/L
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	Dry, < 0.2%
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.3%
<b>Harvest Dates</b>	September 6-9, 2008 & September 13, 2008
<b>Bottling Date</b>	August 5, 2011
<b>Suggested Retail Price</b>	\$85.00