2009 St. Supéry Rutherford Estate Vineyard Merlot

91 points  Wine Spectator

“Sleek and well-focused, with black cherry and roasted herb aromas, and layered flavors of red currant, mineral and espresso. Tannins build slowly on the finish. Drink now through 2018. 1,256 cases made.” -2012

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“Exceptional: a wonderful Merlot in a full, ripe, complex style. It is fleshy in texture, quite rich in flavor (blackberry, plum jam, cassis, toast, spicy oak, strawberry), and long on the finish. Delicious.”

Restaurant Wine, 2012

94 points  Wine Review Online, 2012

“This exceptional Merlot shows a softness appropriate to the grape variety but also a level of concentration and flavor impact that is remarkable and very impressive... Platinum award winner at the San Diego International Wine Competition.”

Blend:
100% Merlot
Aged in 100% French oak and 38% new oak

Aromas with complementary notes of anise, mocha and tightly knit vanillin oak. Dense blackberry fruit is laced with raspberry, dark chocolate and toasted oak. This is a wine of incredible structure, yet with a fine grain of tannin and a charming sense of style.

Winemaker, Michael Scholz