

## 2011 Rutherford Estate Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley



### *Winemaker's Notes:*

This Cabernet Sauvignon presents with classic, deep red and purple hues. Aromas of blackberry, dark plum, anise and charred oak couple with a subtle dusty thread. Flavors of blackberry, dark plum and espresso are complemented by toasted oak and a note of terroir. This is a wine with excellent length, texture, elegance and style.

### *Growing Season:*

The year started with very cold conditions and high rainfall. Winter was said to have the fourth highest rainfall in 40 years. Spring moved temperatures up into the 70s, with late May bringing more rain. June began with significant rainfall during flowering, reducing crop yield. The summer provided good sunshine, although it was cooler than summer's past. Late August and September were warm and encouraged good ripening.

### *Winemaking:*

The fruit was hand harvested in the cool morning hours and brought to the cellar in small bins. The grapes were then delivered to a double hand sorting system. First, the clusters were sorted for those of best condition, then the clusters were destemmed and transferred to a vibrating table. During this final stage, the individual berries were hand sorted to ensure that the most ideal grapes were chosen. These berries were placed in small open top fermenters for a short period of resting on skins. Warm fermentation temperatures were encouraged during vinification along with gentle punch downs to achieve the desired color and structure for the wine. After remaining on skins for an extended maceration period, final pressing occurred and wine was transferred directly to barrel for 20 months of maturation.

### *Rutherford Estate Vineyard:*

St. Supéry's Rutherford Estate Vineyard is on the "Rutherford Bench" of mineral-rich alluvial soils and sandy clay loam from the Mayacamas Mountains. Deep, well-drained soil allows the grapevine's root system to mine for nutrients and water, which yields complex and concentrated flavors in the fruit. Roughly 35 acres of our Rutherford Estate Vineyard are planted with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc – varietals perfectly suited for the climate and soils in Rutherford.

<b>Appellation</b>	Rutherford, Napa Valley
<b>Vineyard</b>	Rutherford Estate Vineyard
<b>Variety/Blend</b>	98% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Petit Verdot
<b>Oak Maturation</b>	100% French oak (65% new French oak) for 20 months
<b>pH</b>	3.63
<b>T. Acidity</b>	6.4 g/L
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	<0.1%
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.5%
<b>Harvest Dates</b>	October 15, October 31– November 1, 2011
<b>Bottling Date</b>	July 30, 2013
<b>Case Production</b>	340 cases
<b>Suggested Retail Price</b>	\$100.00