2012 Napa Valley, Dollarhide Estate Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

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. Dollarhide Ranch is a 1,530+ acre property with steep, rolling hills, some flat lands, seven lakes and a vast array of wildlife located in the northeastern hills of Napa Valley. With elevations ranging from 600 – 1,100 feet, we have planted over 500 acres of grapevines, leaving the rest of the property to thrive in its natural state. 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 This Cabernet Sauvignon presents with deep, dark reds and purples. Aromas are opulent with ripe black plum, currant, blackberry, anise, espresso and toasted oak, as well as a subtle thread of crème brûlée. A rich, dense profile follows with flavors of cassis and plum, ripe black fruits, espresso, mocha and molasses, with a fine French oak influence. This is a deep, structured wine with excellent fine-grained tannins.

VINTAGE 2012 The season of 2012 commenced with a very dry and cold winter. The lack of water was concerning as this dry spell in Napa Valley persisted through the end of February. March eased the burden with nine inches of rain, replenishing groundwater reserves. A warm spring and a moderate to hot June, July and August followed. This provided excellent ripening weather through the summer, which was then followed by a warm September, allowing a good, even and progressive harvest. October kicked off with a hot start followed by warm conditions. Harvested by hand in the cool morning hours, the grapes were brought to the winery where they were hand sorted. Warm fermentation temperatures along with gentle cap maceration helped achieve the desired color and structure for the wine before an extended maceration time on the skins.

APPellATION Napa Valley
VINeYARD Dollarhide Estate Vineyard
VARIETY/BLEND 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

OaK MATURATION 100% French oak (66% new French oak) for 19 months

PH 3.87

T. ACIDITY 6.1 g/L

A LCOHOL 14.5%

HARVEST DATES October 10 - 21, 2012

BOTTLING DATE July 17 2014

CASE PRODUCTION 1,885 cases