2013 Napa Valley, Rutherford Estate Vineyard Merlot

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. The vineyard sits on the “Rutherford Bench” of mineral-rich alluvial and well-drained soils allowing the grapevine’s root systems to mine for nutrients and water, yielding complex and concentrated flavors. 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 is a structured Merlot with tremendous feel and flavor, packed with tastes of juicy black plum and blackberry. The textured palate also suggest toasted oak and dark cocoa with a dusty element of terroir. The deep reds and purples of its color bring forth aromas of blackberry, blueberry and a subtle hint of raspberry. Mocha, vanillin and toasted oak fragrances are also threaded throughout.

VINTAGE 2013  The winter of early 2013 began with little rainfall, but precipitation improved in February and March. Spring was dry and warm, the best conditions to encourage vine growth. Excellent weather continued throughout the summer with temperatures that were warm but not extreme. With one rain event in September settling the dust, harvest took place under exceptional weather conditions that resulted in phenomenal ripening of the fruit. 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  Rutherford, Napa Valley

VINEYARD  Rutherford Estate Vineyard

VARIETY/BLEND  94% Merlot
5% Cabernet Sauvignon
1% Cabernet Franc

OAK MATURATION  100% French oak (54% new French oak) for 19 months

PH  3.56

T. ACIDITY  6.0 g/L

ALCOHOL  14.5%

HARVEST DATES  September 13 - 20, 2013

BOTTLING DATE  July 27, 2015

CASE PRODUCTION  1,510 cases