2014 Napa Valley, Rutherford 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. 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 Cabernet Sauvignon displays dark purple hues with aromas of dark blackberry and black plum. Espresso and graphite notes couple with black pepper and dark molasses to round out the bouquet. This wine has excellent texture with flavors of black plum and blackberry. A subtle thread of cherry, dark mocha and a dusted sense of terroir complete this complex wine which demonstrates great structure and fine-grained tannins with a long and elegant finish.

VINTAGE 2014  In 2014, we experienced a continuation of the drought. Our vineyards saw the first significant rainfall of the year in February however, the growing season remained dry. A hot summer continued through to early October at the height of harvest. In the cool morning hours, the grapes were harvested by hand and brought to the winery where they were hand sorted. 18% of the sorted berries were placed directly into new French Oak barrels where they went through natural fermentation. The barrels were hand rolled six times a day to encourage cap maceration and extraction from the berries. After fermentation, the wine remained on the skins for an extended maceration and barrel integration. Once complete, the wine was drained and the skins removed. The drained wine then returned to the same barrel to age for 19 months.