

**2017 ST. SUPÉRY NAPA VALLEY,
RUTHERFORD ESTATE VINEYARD
CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Deep hues of purple and red reflect the density of this wine. Aromas of blackberry, fresh raspberry, and plum are met with nuances of espresso and black licorice. Sweet juicy blackberry and black currant dominate the palate with notes of anise and charred oak in the background. This is a centered wine with a tremendous, supple texture

GROWING SEASON

An extreme winter in 2017 left our lakes full, which was welcome after several dry years. This groundwater primed the vineyards for what turned out to be another excellent harvest. Early spring saw lovely days with May quickly warming up. We experienced several heat spells in summer which caused the vineyards to accelerate their ripening, while conditions remained dry. At St. Supéry, we grow all of our grapes so we can make the best farming decisions possible in our vineyards. Cabernet Sauvignon harvest kicked off on September 27, 2017. Yields were as expected, and the quality of the fruit is exceptional.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand-harvested in the cool morning hours and brought to the winery in half-ton bins. At the winery, the clusters were sorted using a double sorting system. First, the clusters were sorted by hand. Then, the fruit ran through a small de-stemmer before the individual berries were sorted again to ensure that the ideal grapes were chosen. These berries were delivered to a fermenter where there was a period of resting on skins. Warm fermentation temperatures were encouraged along with gentle cap maceration to achieve the desired color and structure for the wine before an extended maceration time on skins prior to final pressing. The wine was transferred directly to barrel for 20 months of maturation.

Fifty-four percent of the grapes used in this blend was fermented in French oak barrels to add layers of complexity to the wine. After fermentation, the wine remained in those same barrels for aging.

Appellation	Rutherford, Napa Valley
Vineyard	Rutherford Estate Vineyard
Variety/Blend	92% Cabernet Sauvignon 7% Merlot 1% Petit Verdot
Barrel Fermented	54%
Oak Maturation	100% French oak (65% new) for 20 months
pH	3.71
T. Acidity	6.3 g/L
Residual Sugar	<0.2 %
Alcohol	14.5%
Harvest Dates	September 27 - October 8, 2017
Bottling Date	August 9, 2019
Cases	765 cases
Suggested Retail Price	\$125.00