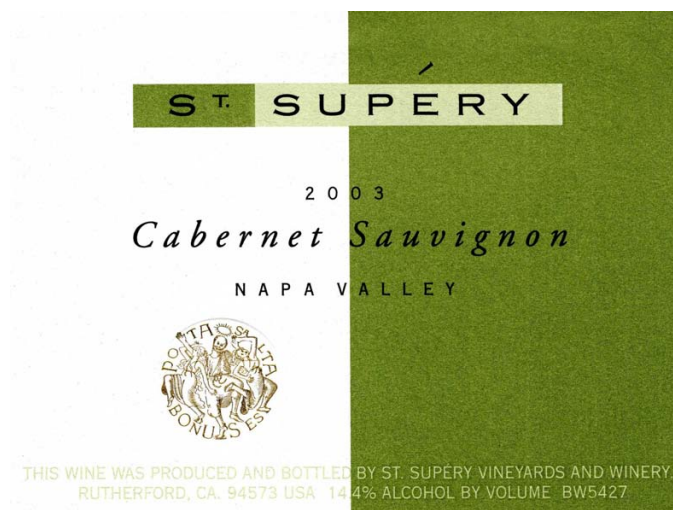


# 2003 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY



## WINEMAKER NOTES

*Luxurious, rich and concentrated with aromas of cherry, currant and blueberry these are just the start of this 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon. The harmonious flavors of black cherry, anise and plush cassis explode upon tasting. This is a classic Napa Valley Cabernet which is wonderful young but has everything it needs to age beautifully. Enjoy now through 2011.*

## WINEMAKING

*2003 has set the stage to be a year to remember in the wine world. A mild winter followed by a wet spring and a hot summer (not to mention an August thunderstorm), all have helped contribute to the development of the grapes this year. A cool, wet spring followed the mild winter and caused a slow down of grape growth. Rain in April and May caused bloom to fall behind previous years by a week and a half. The end of May saw temperatures soaring into the upper 90's and June was no different. In general, summer saw normal temperatures with a few sporadic heat spells throughout. An atypically mild August pushed harvest back more than two weeks, yet allowed for the fruit to hang longer than passed years. This allowed the flavors optimum time to develop while keeping the sugar levels from spiking (which would cause the fruit to be picked much sooner).*



APPELLATION: *Napa Valley*  
BLEND: *87% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
10% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot*  
PH: *3.68*  
TOTAL ACIDITY: *6.15 g/L*  
RESIDUAL SUGAR: *0.02 g/L*  
WINE ALCOHOL: *14.4%*