

DOMINUS ESTATE

N A P A V A L L E Y

2006 DOMINUS Napa Valley
Napanook Vineyard, Yountville, CA

TASTING NOTES

The Dominus 2006 epitomizes the best qualities of Cabernet Sauvignon in a top terroir of Napa Valley. At first, the wine displays tremendous power. Then, it surprises by the purity of the fruit and the lingering finesse. It clearly possesses a fantastic aptitude for aging.

“When I drank Dominus 2006 in Europe recently, it confirmed what is for me the best definition of a great wine,” Christian Moueix declared. “This wine travels well. Dare I say that the 2006 vintage is our best so far.”

Dominus 2006 is dark red, almost deep crimson in color. The nose is dense and compact, filled with dark berries, blond tobacco, black cherries and cacao. The entry is both powerful and supple, spherical in quality. Perfectly ripe, the enveloped tannins are firm, round and elegant. Black fruit and licorice linger throughout the evolution in mouth, well-balanced and harmonious. A superb vintage.

The 2006 blend is comprised of 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc, and 3% Petit Verdot.

We recommend decanting the wine prior to serving, to allow it to develop its full potential. This is especially important when serving young Dominus wines.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2006 growing season started late; bud-break was delayed by very wet and cold weather throughout winter and early spring. An exceptionally hot mid-summer season helped accelerate growth. By the end of July, when temperatures soared over 100°F on eight days, the vines had entered into a more typical cycle. Beautiful weather followed in August, with characteristic warm days and cool nights. Mid-veraison was observed on August 8. Mild temperatures throughout the months of September and October allowed for increased hang-time and favoured perfect ripening.

Harvest Start: September 11

Harvest End: October 5

Bottling Date: July 2009

Percent New Barrels: 40%

Cases Produced: 5000

Release Date: June 2010

At Dominus Estate, we are committed to making exceptional wines that are a natural expression of the exceptional quality of the Napanook Vineyard. Napanook is an estate bottled wine from the historic Napanook Vineyard in Yountville, Napa Valley, made from grapes carefully selected for their lively fruit and soft tannins.