

# DOMINUS ESTATE

N A P A V A L L E Y

2010 DOMINUS Napa Valley  
Napanook Vineyard, Yountville, CA

## TASTING NOTES

The Dominus 2010 displays compelling notes of black cherries and plums as well as a hint of graphite and sandalwood. With a round and sweet attack, the chiseled and deftly polished tannins give a savory evolution. Its finish is long and replete with cedar, anise and cacao.

The 2010 vintage is composed of 95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot. In recent years the Napanook vineyard has undergone an extensive replanting program. This, coupled with a rigorous selection of lots for the final blend resulted in the smallest quantity of Dominus produced since 1984.

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 2010 season began with a cool and wet spring, resulting in a late bud break, flowering and veraison. Summer was also cool but a record-breaking heat wave (107°F) marked the end of August. The heat of late summer and early fall resulted in an extraordinary concentration of tannins and color. While the high temperatures dramatically reduced yields for Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, the Cabernet Sauvignon thrived in the late season warmth.

Harvest Start: October 4

Harvest End: October 23

Bottling Date: July 2012

Percent New Barrels: 40%

Cases Produced: 3000

Release Date: June 2013

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.