

# DOMINUS ESTATE

N A P A V A L L E Y

1983 DOMINUS Napa Valley  
Napanook Vineyard, Yountville, CA

## TASTING NOTES

The 1983 Dominus Estate is the first vintage produced by the John Daniel Society made solely from grapes grown at their Napanook Vineyard in Yountville, California. When the 1983 growing season produced wines with slow-aging tannins, the partners broke with tradition and offered the 1984 vintage as their first release. After a year of additional bottle age, the 1983 Dominus Estate was released in February 1989.

## VINTAGE SUMMARY

The Napa Valley experienced an extremely rainy winter (69.7 inches vs. 35.68 inches average), followed by a moderately hot summer and a very hot September. Ten days in September were over 97 degrees, resulting in rapid maturation; sugars went from 21.3 on 9/10 to 22.8 on 9/14

Blend:	Cabernet Sauvignon: 80%, Merlot 20%
Harvest Start:	September 13
Harvest End:	September 19
Bottling Date:	December 1985
Percent New Barrels:	20%
Cases Produced:	2100
Release Date:	February 1989
Label Artwork:	Sam Szafran

At Dominus Estate, we are committed to making estate wines that express the unique terroir of the historic Napanook Vineyard. Dry farming is the foundation of our philosophy.