

# DOMINUS ESTATE

N A P A V A L L E Y

1986 DOMINUS Napa Valley  
Napanook Vineyard, Yountville, CA

## TASTING NOTES

The 1986 Dominus Estate has a deep ruby color and a rich nose reminiscent of ripe cherries, with elegance, finesse and excellent balance.

## VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 1986 growing season was marked by very high winter rainfall and an unusually cool summer, which made the timing of harvest crucial to ensure full maturity. Seasonal rainfall was 53.93 inches vs. 35.68 inches normal. We had heavy rainfall and flooding in February. Summer was very cool with only three days over 100 degrees (two of these were in June), and only nine days over 95 degrees.

Blend:	Cabernet Sauvignon: 80%, Cabernet Franc 12%, Merlot 8%
Harvest Start:	September 8
Harvest End:	October 6
Bottling Date:	January 1989
Percent New Barrels:	20%
Cases Produced:	6200
Release Date:	November 1990
Label Artwork:	Jim Dine

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.