

DOMINUS ESTATE

N A P A V A L L E Y

1996 DOMINUS Napa Valley
Napanook Vineyard, Yountville, CA

TASTING NOTES

The 1996 Vintage exhibits a deep garnet robe with ripe flavors of blackberries, dried cherries and hints of violets, allspice, vanilla and tobacco. Silky tannins and a long and complex finish balance its warm, luscious and elegant body.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The heavy rains of February and March were followed by a warm April and May which allowed good moisture for the growing season and an early budbreak. The warm weather continued in June and July and was followed by very hot days moderated by cold nights in August and September. These excellent growing conditions allowed the fruit to mature to full balanced maturity.

Blend:	Cabernet Sauvignon: 82%, Cabernet Franc 10%, Merlot 4%, Petit Verdot 6%
Harvest Start:	September 6
Harvest End:	October 8
Bottling Date:	May 1998
Percent New Barrels:	33%
Cases Produced:	8000
Release Date:	April 1999

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.