

# DOMINUS ESTATE

N A P A V A L L E Y

2006 DOMINUS Napa Valley  
Napanook Vineyard, Yountville, CA

## TASTING NOTES

“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.

## VINTAGE SUMMARY

The winter was typical, with only slightly above-average rainfall. We received 28” during the winter, 6” in March and 4” in May. Rains were light and spread out over 68 days. Temperatures throughout the season were quite moderate; we saw a cool spring that delayed bud-break, and a summer without excessive heat. 2005 was a year with only 23 days over 90°F, and one day over 100°F – July 23rd. The beautiful weather contributed to a long growing season and very even ripening. With no threat of a heat wave or rain during the harvest period, the grapes reached full maturity at a slow, steady pace.

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| Blend:               | Cabernet Sauvignon: 91%, Cabernet Franc 6%, Petit Verdot 3% |
| Harvest Start:       | October 2                                                   |
| Harvest End:         | October 26                                                  |
| Bottling Date:       | July 2008                                                   |
| Percent New Barrels: | 40%                                                         |
| Cases Produced:      | 6000                                                        |
| Release Date:        | June 2009                                                   |

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.