

DOMINUS ESTATE

N A P A V A L L E Y

2008 DOMINUS Napa Valley
Napanook Vineyard, Yountville, CA

TASTING NOTES

Dominus 2008 is a wine of great purity and definition, with distinct berry aromas and a supple yet precise palate. Deep blackberry and dark plums complement fine mineral notes. This wine is intensely perfumed, velvety and ethereal.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

A challenging year for viticulturists yet extremely rewarding for winemakers, 2008 was conditioned by uncommonly low precipitation throughout the winter and spring. Starting in mid-March through late April, cold mornings threatened the young shoots with frost while dramatic temperature fluctuations during flowering hampered pollination, resulting in few berries per cluster. Reduced water reserves in the soil limited vigor, decreased berry size and generated record low yields. With six days over 100°F, the summer was warm; a peak of 104°F was recorded on August 28th. The end of September marked the start of a quick and high-quality harvest characterized by evenly ripened grapes.

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| Blend: | Cabernet Sauvignon: 83%, Cabernet Franc 13%, Petit Verdot 4% |
| Harvest Start: | September 19 |
| Harvest End: | October 3 |
| Bottling Date: | July 2010 |
| Percent New Barrels: | 40% |
| Cases Produced: | 4500 |
| Release Date: | June 2011 |

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.