

# DOMINUS ESTATE

N A P A V A L L E Y

2009 DOMINUS Napa Valley  
Napanook Vineyard, Yountville, CA

## TASTING NOTES

The Dominus 2009 exemplifies the finest qualities of Cabernet Sauvignon from an ideal vintage. The nose, at once powerful yet restrained, is dense and filled with pure dark berry fruit and hints of sandalwood. On the palate is a harmonious blend of fresh plum and focused minerality with tannins that are firm, round and elegant. Spherical in quality, this wine is complete from start to finish. A sublime vintage.

## VINTAGE SUMMARY

2009 was an ideal season. Plentiful rainfall in February and May abated winter drought concerns, and a mild spring with few temperature fluctuations contributed to even bud break and healthy bloom. Summer temperatures were consistently warm, without excessive heat spikes, and a long Indian summer allowed the berries to develop perfect complexity and ripeness. Harvest was an intense effort, beginning on October 5th and was completed on October 12th, just before the heavy rainfall on October 13th.

Blend:	Cabernet Sauvignon: 86%, Cabernet Franc 10%, Petit Verdot 4%
Harvest Start:	October 5
Harvest End:	October 12
Bottling Date:	July 2011
Percent New Barrels:	40%
Cases Produced:	6000
Release Date:	May 2012

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.