

Dominus Estate Napa Valley

2012 Napanook Napa Valley Bordeaux Blend

True, Honest, Complex, Not Overdone

Christian Moueix pursued his own path and combined a Bordelaise heritage with Napa's climate to produce exemplary wines. **Dominus** and **Napanook** have demonstrated that an excellent Napa Cabernet Sauvignon need not be a flabby, dead-fruit, high pH, low TA wine.

In the late 1960s, while attending the **University of California at Davis**, Moueix fell in love with Napa Valley. The son of **Jean-Pierre Moueix**, the wine merchant and producer from Libourne, France, Christian returned home in 1970 to manage the family vineyards, including chateaux **Petrus**, **La Fleur-Petrus**, **Trotanoy** in Pomerol and **Magdelaine** in Saint Émilien.

In 1981, he discovered the Napanook vineyard, a 124-acre site west of Yountville, a historic source for fine wines of the 1940s and 1950s. In 1982, Moueix entered into a partnership to develop the vineyard and, in 1995, became its sole owner.

A minimalist approach to making wine is employed, though that doesn't mean hands-off: the winemaking involves intense observation and awareness of every step to allow the most important things to shine through. "Our philosophy is always about looking at the very small details and being meticulous, making very small tweaks but always remaining on the same path of allowing the grapes to express themselves," winemaker **Tod Mostero** said. "We want to peel the layers away so that fruit expression and essence of terroir shine through—so the consumer tastes something that seems true and honest and not overdone, fake or pretentious—anything but that."

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| Price | \$65 |
| Case Production | 3,000 |
| Blend | 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot |
| pH | 3.75 |
| TA | 3.3 (measured in sulfuric, not tartaric) |
| Brix | |
| Residual Sugar | <1 gm |
| Alcohol | 14.5% |

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 2012 napa valley red
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alc. 14.5% by vol. contains sulfites 750 ml

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