

DOMINUS ESTATE

N A P A V A L L E Y

1996 NAPANOOK Napa Valley
Napanook Vineyard, Yountville, CA

TASTING NOTES

The deep bright ruby robe has good intensity and complements the richness of a mellow nose perfumed with peppery cedar aromas. Fresh, lively red fruit flavors develop slowly to blend harmoniously with fine elegant tannins and a licorice and cinnamon finish. The wine is pleasant and easy to drink now and should age well for the next 10 to 12 years.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The heavy rains of February and March were followed by a warm April and May, which allowed good moisture for an early budbreak and the growing season. 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 reach a full balanced maturity.

Blend: 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Cabernet Franc, and 13 % Petit Verdot

Harvest Start: September 6

Harvest End: October 8

Bottling Date: May 1998

Percent New Barrels: 30%

Cases Produced: 2000

Release Date: April 1999

At Dominus Estate, we are committed to producing elegant wines that are a natural expression of the exceptional quality of the Napanook Vineyard. Napanook is an estate bottled wine made from grapes carefully selected for their lively fruit and soft tannins.