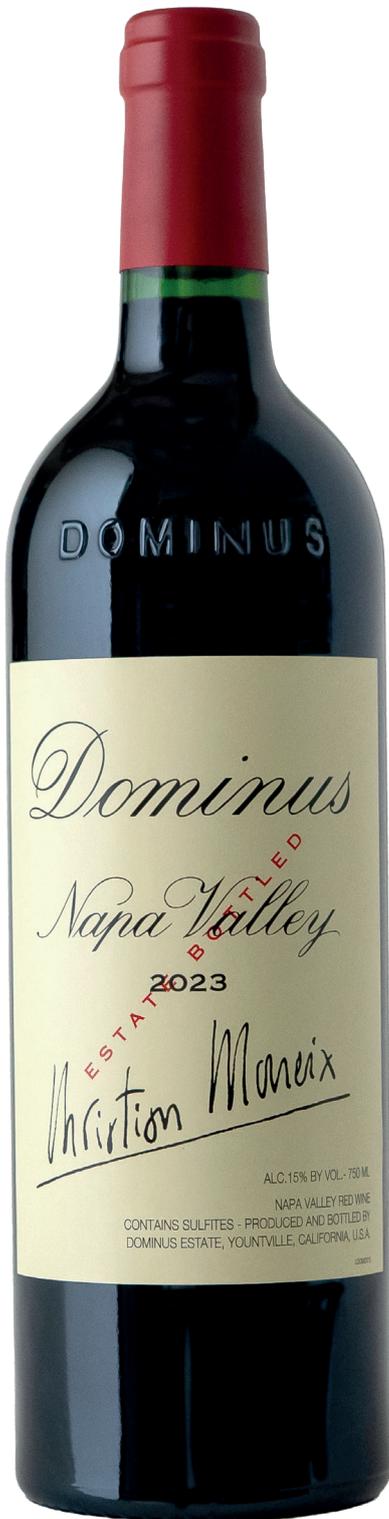


JEAN-PIERRE
MOUEIX
GRANDS VINS



■ **2023 VINTAGE**

Appellation
Yountville, Napa Valley

Director
Julia Levitan

Technical Director
Tod Mostero

Vineyard size
42 hectares (105 acres)

Soil Types
Gravelly and clay loam

2023 vintage blend
87% Cabernet Sauvignon,
9% Cabernet Franc
4% Petit Verdot

Viticulture
Dry-farming (no irrigation)
Soil tillage (French plow)
Canopee management adapted to the
climatic conditions

Harvest
Manual harvest,
Manual and optical sorting

2023 harvest
October 7th to 18th

Winemaking
Gentle pump-overs and extraction

Aging
18 months in French oak barrels
(40% new)

Certification
Certified CCOF («California Certified
Organic Farmers»)

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Dominus Estate, Yountville, California, was established in 1982 by Christian Moueix. Situated on the famed Napanook vineyard, it was, in the 1940's and 1950's, the source of fruit for some of the great wines of the Napa Valley. In fact, the vineyard's history can be traced back to Napa Valley's beginnings, when in 1838 George Yount, for whom the town of Yountville was named, first planted grapevines there. Today, this historic vineyard produces three wines: Dominus, its flagship, Napanook, and Othello.

Christian Moueix chose the name 'Dominus' ('lord of the estate' in Latin) to underscore his longstanding commitment to the land. Rooted in values of quality, stewardship, tradition and innovation, the Dominus Estate team shares a vision of producing distinctive wines that are expressive of this singular terroir.

A model for its sustainable farming practices, the Napanook vineyard has been hailed for its dry-farming, which shuns watering the vines, thus spurring them to draw deeply on the land's unique geology. Meticulous viticultural and winemaking practices are undertaken with the objective of producing wines that are pure, balanced and complex. Minimal intervention and restraint throughout the process of grape berry selection, fermentation and aging preserve the character of the fruit. The resulting wines are an expression of this unique vineyard.

Known for its complexity and balance, Dominus demonstrates the potential of a wine produced on exceptional terroir. Structured, seamless and perfectly integrated, Dominus is an elegant wine that improves with age.

In 1997, a winery designed by the Swiss architects Herzog & de Meuron was completed. Due to strict enforcement of Napa county permit regulations, it is closed to the public.

In 2021, Dominus Estate received its CCOF («California Certified Organic Farmers») certification for organic farming practices.

2023 Vintage

The 2023 growing season unfolded at a moderate pace, shaped by generous rainfall, mild spring temperatures, and a later-than-usual harvest that rewarded patience.

Total rainfall from July 2022 through June 2023 reached 51 inches (historical average of 31 inches) replenishing soils and providing ample water reserves heading into the growing season. Spring conditions led to a complete berry set.

Veraison occurred roughly two weeks later than average, and the extended growing cycle allowed for even, gradual ripening and the development of depth and balance.

An abundant harvest took place between October 7 and 18 under favorable weather conditions.

Tasting notes

Dominus 2023 shows lovely depth, with notes of cedar, gentle oriental spices, wild berries and a hint of cocoa. The finish is finely etched, precise and beautifully balanced.