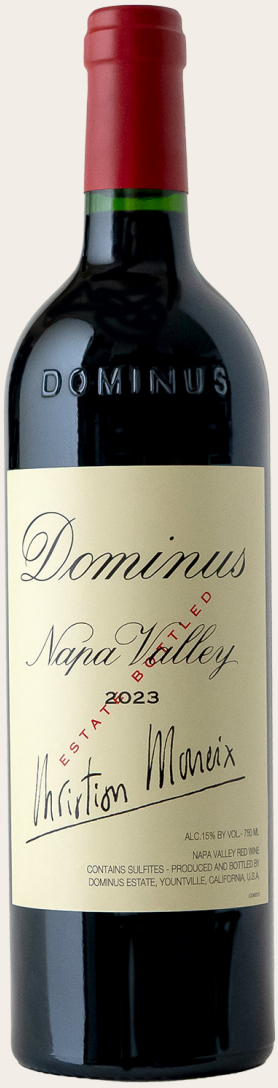
Dominus

"The 2023 Dominus is absolutely gorgeous, with an incredible level of purity and refinement." - Jeb Dunnuck



VARIETALS:
87% Cabernet Sauvignon
9% Cabernet Franc
4% Petit Verdot

100% French Oak
40% New Oak

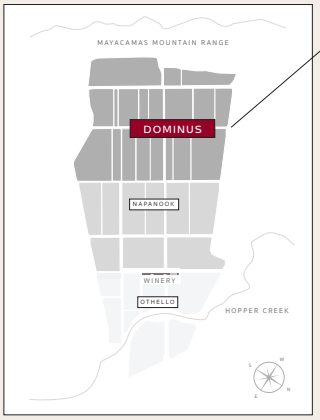
DOMINUS 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- Dominus is the Napa Valley estate of renowned Bordeaux producer Christian Moueix, who began producing Dominus in 1983
- Estate grown and bottled, sourced entirely from the historic Napanook Vineyard in Yountville, first planted in 1836
- Dry farmed, with deep-rooted vines that rely only on natural rain and groundwater, yielding resilient vines and wines of true site expression
- Sourced from the deepest, best-drained gravelly loam soils near the Mayacamas Mountains
- Powerful and elegant with pure, articulated fruit, polished tannins, complexity and great ageing potential

WINEMAKING

- Temperate climate with volcanic, gravelly clay-loam soils ideal for Cabernet Sauvignon and Bordeaux varietals
- Meticulous vineyard work: precise cane pruning, dry farming, and cluster thinning for optimal ripening and quality
- Pre-harvest grape rinsing and selective sun/ shade picking ensure purity and perfect maturity
- Minimal-intervention winemaking preserves vineyard character
- Lot-by-lot fermentation, hand and optical sorting, gentle extraction, and aging in 100% French oak for clarity and structure



- Deep roots in rich gravelly loam at the Mayacamas foothills
- Profound, intense, and polished character
- Tightly woven structure with compleity and age-worthiness



100 POINTS THE WINE PALATE

"The full-bodied palate is both generous and energetic, displaying an impressive array of savory and earthy nuances among the dense black fruit layers and a rock-solid frame of grainy tannins and beautiful tension, finishing with epic length." - Lisa Perrotti-Brown

99 POINTS jamessuckling

"Black currant, pencil shaving, subtle sandalwood, wet earth, forest floor and violet aromas... A polished and caressing texture that goes on for minutes. The balance and drinkability of this Dominus is terrific, and it will age beautifully... From organically grown grapes. Very drinkable now, but will age beautifully." - James Suckling

98 POINTS Robert Parker

"Medium- to full-bodied, this rich, almost creamy blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot finishes with velvety tannins borne on a finish that unfolds to reveal incredible persistence and complexity." - Joe Czerwinski

97 POINTS Wine Spectator

"Though reserved in persona, this offers a deep well of red and black currant preserves laced with tobacco, loam, warm paving stone and savory notes that lend energy and cut. A singed alder frame guides the finish, which shows the succulence of the vintage despite being buried deeply. There's no bombast at all -- the rare Napa Cabernet that seems intent on discretion -- but this expands easily in the glass while gulping air. Patience will be rewarded. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Best from 2030 through 2048." - James Molesworth

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