



2021 VINTAGE

Appellation
Yountville, Napa Valley

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Vineyard size
42 hectares (105 acres)

Soil Types
Gravelly and clay loam

2021 vintage blend
95% Cabernet Sauvignon,
5% Cabernet Franc

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

Harvest
Manual harvest,
Manual and optical sorting

2021 harvest
September 16th to October 1st

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.

■ 2021 Vintage

The vintage was characterized by a dry winter and spring, with a total of 14" of rain (July 2020 to June 2021, historical average: 31"). 2021 was the second consecutive year of a drought that started in January 2020.

Temperatures were constantly warm over the growing season, moderately higher than the historical average and remained consistent throughout the ripening period.

The weather conditions in 2021 favored an early hydric constraint which promoted production of small berries with high levels of phenolic compounds and deeply intense aromas.

Dominus 2021 offers vibrant notes of undergrowth and incense, layered with rich plum, great depth, and a particularly long, resonant finish.