



## ***1987 Dominus***

The 1987 Dominus Estate is the fifth vintage produced by the John Daniel Society made solely from grapes grown at their Napanook Vineyard in Yountville, California.

The blend of the 1987 Dominus Estate is 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Merlot. Winter rainfall for the 1987 season was 50% of average. The very warm early summer and moderate late summer resulted in fruit with fully developed varietal character and excellent acid balance.

Note: with almost the identical blend as 1986, we have a completely different wine--proof that classical winemaking, i.e., single vineyard, non intervening winemaking, and no acidification allows the vintage to express itself through the wine.

The 1987 Dominus Estate has a deep ruby color and a rich nose reminiscent of cassis and vanilla, with a silky texture, excellent balance and a long elegant finish. Christian Moueix recommends decanting this wine before serving to allow it to develop its full potential.

The label portrait for the 1987 vintage was done by the Israeli artist Avigdor Arikha.

### ***Vintage Summary:***

Seasonal rainfall was quite low at 18.85 inches (normal 35.68 inches); 10 inches in February and March, which is almost identical to the rainfall pattern of 1985. A very warm early summer was followed by a moderate late summer. There were 16 days over 100 degrees and 26 days over 95 degrees.

BEGINNING DATE OF HARVEST: September 4  
FINAL DATE OF HARVEST: September 17  
PERCENTAGE OF NEW BARRELS: 25%  
TIME IN BARREL: 14 months  
BOTTLING DATE: July 1989  
9-LITER CASES PRODUCED: 6500  
RELEASE DATE: October 1999