



1988 Dominus

The 1988 Dominus Estate is the sixth vintage produced by the John Daniel Society from grapes grown solely in the international company's Napanook Vineyard in Yountville, California.

The 1988 growing season was complicated by rain during bloom, which affected the evenness of maturity at harvest. It was necessary to make very severe selections both in the vineyard and in the winery to produce a wine of Dominus quality. The result -- 3,300 cases of elegant wine showing excellent balance and concentration of fruit -- represented half of the potential production.

The 1988 Dominus Estate has a deep ruby color and a rich nose reminiscent of cassis, cedar and tea. The wine is soft and spicy in the mouth, with an elegant finish of subtle vanilla and cedar. Christian Moueix recommends decanting this wine before serving to allow it to develop its full potential.

The label portrait for the 1988 vintage was done by the English artist, Peter Blake. Born in 1932 and currently residing in London, Mr. Blake became famous as a leader of Pop Art in Europe. His works are displayed in major museums throughout the world.

Vintage Summary:

Seasonal rainfall was 26.87 inches (average 35.68). May was the wettest month with .84 inches, followed by .46 inches in June and .49 inches in September. Altogether, it was a strange growing season characterized by an interrupted bloom that gave a large variability at harvest.

BEGINNING DATE OF HARVEST: August 27

FINAL DATE OF HARVEST: September 24

PERCENTAGE OF NEW BARRELS: 15%

TIME IN BARREL: 12 months

BOTTLING DATE: July 1990

9-LITER CASES PRODUCED: 3300

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