



1989 Dominus

The 1989 Dominus Estate is the seventh vintage produced by the John Daniel Society made solely from grapes grown on the international company's Napanook Vineyard in Yountville, California.

The 1989 vintage is the first wine of the latest phase of Dominus Estate -- nature leads us, and we listen. Since Cabernet Franc did not improve the blend, it was not used. This blend includes Petit Verdot for the first time, as well as a special selection of Merlot.

The 1989 Dominus Estate has a deep ruby color and a rich, complex nose reminiscent of cassis, violets and vanilla. The wine is velvety and full in the mouth, with an elegant and long finish of rich fruit and violets. Christian Moueix recommends decanting this wine before serving to allow it to fully develop its full potential.

The label portrait for the 1989 vintage was done by the English artist Raymond Mason. Mr. Mason was born in 1922 and currently resides in Paris. He is primarily a sculptor, but is also known for his water colors of vineyard landscapes. His large compositions are displayed in London, Birmingham, Paris, Montreal, New York and Washington.

Vintage Summary:

We received 22.69 inches of rain (35.68 average) for the season. The year was moderate to warm with some concern due to warm weather at set and some scorching of fruit that ended up not being significant. The big story was rainfall during harvest. On 9/16 and 9/17, we received 1.4 inches of rain; we did not resume harvest until the 25th. Then, on 9/29 with only 40 tons left to pick, we received 0.25 inches of rain; we did not resume picking until 10/6. Our European experience helped us to wait and regain excellent concentration and intensity even under these difficult conditions.

BEGINNING DATE OF HARVEST: September 15

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PERCENTAGE OF NEW BARRELS: 30%

TIME IN BARREL: 15 months

BOTTLING DATE: July 1999

9-LITER CASES PRODUCED: 7500

RELEASE DATE: October 1993