Rainy days were spread out evenly over the course of a warmer than average winter (November to March: 31.2 inches total, 11.2 inches in March). With soil water reserves full, vines grew quickly with dense canopies. Bloom and veraison unfolded in warm and dry conditions and one heat spike of 103°F was recorded on July 26th. Ripening slowed down in August because of cooler temperatures and late morning fog. Fruit zone de-leafing and higher temperatures in September (99.2°F on the 18th, 100.8°F on the 25th, 100°F on the 26th) helped fruit to ripen consistently.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

Napanook 2016 offers a bouquet of lavender, cedar, ripe plum and savory earthiness supported by a structure of bright and lively tannins.

Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon: 84%, Petit Verdot: 9%, Cabernet Franc: 7%
Harvest Start: September 16
Harvest End: September 30
Bottling Date: July 2018
Percent New Barrels: 20%
Cases Produced: 3500
Release Date: March 2019
Yield: 2.5 - 3.5 tons/acre
Budbreak: March 20
Bloom: May 9
Veraison: July 21

At Dominus Estate, we are committed to making estate wines that express the unique terroir of the historic Napanook Vineyard. Dry farming is the foundation of our philosophy.