



**1996 NAPANOOK** Napa Valley  
Napanook Vineyard, Yountville, CA

#### **TASTING NOTE**

The deep bright ruby robe has good intensity and complements the richness of a mellow nose perfumed with peppery cedar aromas. Fresh, lively red fruit flavors develop slowly to blend harmoniously with fine elegant tannins and a licorice and cinnamon finish.

#### **VINTAGE SUMMARY**

The heavy rains of February and March were followed by a warm April and May, which allowed good moisture for an early budbreak and the growing season. The warm weather continued in June and July and was followed by very hot days moderated by cold nights in August and September. These excellent growing conditions allowed the fruit to reach a full balanced maturity.

Blend:	Cabernet Sauvignon: 74%, Cabernet Franc: 13%, Petit Verdot 13%
Harvest Start:	September 6
Harvest End:	October 8
Bottling Date:	May 1998
Percent New Barrels:	30%
Cases Produced:	2000
Release Date:	April 1999

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.