



NAPANOOK

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Appellation	Yountville, Napa Valley
Director	Julia Levitan
Technical director	Tod Mostero
Vineyard size	42 hectares (103 acres)
Soil types	Gravelly and clay loam
Vineyard grape varieties	Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot
Viticulture	Certified Organic farming practices (CCOF) Dry-farming (no irrigation) Soil tillage (French plow) Vine growth management adapted to the climatic conditions
Harvest	Manual harvest ; sunny side of the vines picked a few days before the shady side. Manual and optical sorting
Winemaking	Gentle pump-overs and extraction
Aging	18 months in French oak barrels (20% new)

■ History

Made solely from grapes grown at the historic Napanook Vineyard in Yountville, Napanook is blended from vineyard blocks carefully selected for their lively fruit, soft tannins, and early maturing characteristics. The wine is created to be consumed young and enjoyed with food, but will also age well for more than a decade.

Dominus Estate, Yountville, California, was established in 1983 by Christian Moueix. Situated on the famed Napanook vineyard, it was, in the 1940's and 1950's, the source of fruit for some of the finest Napa Valley wines. In fact, the vineyard's history can be traced back to Napa Valley's beginnings, when in 1838 George Yount, for whom the town of Yountville was named, first planted grapevines there. Today, this historic vineyard produces three wines: Dominus, its flagship, Napanook, and Othello.

The vineyard is entirely dry-farmed, allowing the vines to draw deeply on the land's unique geology. The viticulture and winemaking are undertaken meticulously, with the objective of producing wines that are pure, balanced, and complex. Minimal intervention and restraint throughout the process of grape berry selection, fermentation and aging preserve the character of the fruit. The resulting wines, with a tremendous potential for aging, convey the very personality of this historic vineyard.

In 1997, a winery designed by the Swiss architects Herzog & de Meuron was completed. Due to strict enforcement of Napa county regulations, it is closed to the public.

In 2021, Dominus Estate received its CCOF («California Certified Organic Farmers») certification for organic farming practices.