

**Sale Name:** Fine Wines & Spirits

**LOT 261 - Dominus Vertical 1994-95-96-97-98 (5 bottles)**



**Estimate \$** 1200 - 1800

### Description

**Dominus Vertical 1994-95-96-97-98 (5 bottles)**

**Dominus Estate "Dominus" 1994**

Napa Valley, Red Bordeaux Blend

750 ml / USA / 14.1% ABV

DC 95 | VN 93 | WA 99

"Christian Moueix and his talented winemaking team continue to rewrite the definition of a Napa Valley reference point wine. I have had a difficult time keeping the corks in my bottles of 1994 Dominus. Eight-thousand cases were produced from a blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 12% Merlot, and 4% Petit Verdot. In this vintage, 174 days passed between bud break and the harvest, a remarkable period of time for any wine region in the world. The 1994 is a strikingly thick, compellingly rich wine with the texture of a great Pomerol, despite being made primarily from Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine exhibits a dense purple color, and an incredibly fragrant nose of jammy black fruits, spice, smoke, and loamy, truffle-like scents. In the mouth, it is full-bodied, with thrilling levels of extract and richness, but no sense of heaviness or harshness. This seamless Dominus possesses no hard edges, as its acidity, tannin, and alcohol are beautifully meshed with copious quantities of ripe fruit. This

wine offers early drinking, yet has the potential to last for 30+ years.”  
December 1997 (RP – Wine Advocate)

**Dominus Estate “Dominus” 1995**

Napa Valley, Red Bordeaux Blend

750 ml / USA / 14.1% ABV

DC 94 | ST 93 | WA 93

“The 1995 Dominus (6,000 cases produced from a blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot, and 4% Merlot) is a ripe, plummy, supple, expansively-flavored wine with copious quantities of black currant fruit. Full-bodied and low in acidity, it possesses exceptional concentration and purity. Qualitatively, it is built along the lines of the 1992 and 1990. While it is not as powerful or intense as the 1996 or 1994, the 1995 is a large-scaled, rich, concentrated wine that should provide splendid drinking for two decades.”

December 1997 (RP – Wine Advocate)

**Dominus Estate “Dominus” 1996**

Napa Valley, Red Bordeaux Blend

750 ml / USA / 14.1% ABV

JS 94 | ST 93 | WA 95

“The 1996 Dominus, a blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 4% Merlot, and 4% Petit Verdot, tips the scales at 14.2% alcohol. Although this offering lacks the power, intensity, and compelling characteristics of the 1991 and 1994, it is not far off the pace of those two monumental wines. A super nose of roasted coffee, chocolate, dried herbs, black fruits and kirsch is both intense and persuasive. The wine displays terrific richness, medium to full body, low acidity, a succulent, opulent texture, and superb purity. This beautifully made 1996 is one of the few wines that has successfully tamed the vintage's elevated tannin level. It should be relatively drinkable upon its release, yet evolve nicely for two decades. Impressive!” December 1998 (RP – Wine Advocate)

**Dominus Estate “Dominus” 1997**

Napa Valley, Red Bordeaux Blend

750 ml / USA / 14.1% ABV

BN 95 | WA 94 | WE 93 | WS 93

“The 1997 Dominus, a blend of 86.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, and 4.5% Merlot, is showing fabulously well. With 14.1% alcohol and a pH that would make many New World oenologists shudder (about 3.95), this wine is a fleshy, silky-textured, opulent wine with a gorgeous nose of roasted herbs, coffee, jammy black cherry and plum-like fruit.

Asian spice, licorice, and blackberry and cherry notes with tobacco spice all add to this complex, very involved, yet gorgeously symmetrical Dominus. The wine is medium to full-bodied, very concentrated, and silky-textured. It is gorgeous to drink now, but should age easily for 10-15 years.”

December 2000 (RP – Wine Advocate)

**Dominus Estate “Dominus” 1998**

Napa Valley, Red Bordeaux Blend

750 ml / USA / 14.1% ABV

DC 90 | ST 90 | WA 88 | WS 91

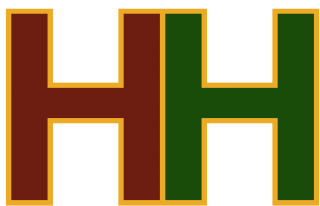
"The 1998 Dominus's dark ruby/plum color is accompanied by aromas of licorice, earth, plums, black fruits, and underbrush. While this medium-bodied 1998 possesses good depth, a spicy, open-knit complexity, and ripe tannin, it does not have the size, depth, or dimension of the previous eight vintages. Nevertheless, it is an elegant, Bordeaux-styled red for drinking over the next decade."

August 2002 (RP – Wine Advocate)

Proceeds from the sale of this lot are to the benefit of The Palliative Care Society of the Bow Valley.

**Quantity: 1**

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