



Dominus & Ulysses Tasting 2019



Date	:	Tuesday, June 25, 2019
Time	:	6:30pm to 8:00pm
Venue	:	Hong Kong Wine Vault – Wong Chuk Hang
Wines Tasted	:	2013 Dominus, Napa Valley 2012 Dominus, Napa Valley 2011 Dominus, Napa Valley 2013 Napanook, Napa Valley 2009 Napanook, Napa Valley 2015 Ulysses, Napa Valley 2014 Ulysses, Napa Valley

Our thoughts:

Amazing night together with Moueix Family to taste and understand the history of their wines. We hosted a tasting event for Dominus and Ulysses. We are honored to invite Mr. Edouard Moueix, son of Christian Moueix as a speaker to share the knowledge and history of their elegant wines.

In the late 1960s, Christian Moueix fell in love with the Napa Valley and its wines, while attending the University of California at Davis. Moueix returned home in Bordeaux in 1970 to manage the family vineyards, including Petrus, La Fleur Petrus and Trotanoy, but his love for Napa Valley lingered. In 1981, he discovered the historic Napanook Vineyard in Yountville, that produced some of the finest Napa wines of the 1940s and 1950s. In 1982, Moueix entered into a partnership to develop the vineyard, and in 1995, he became the sole owner of it. He chose the name "Dominus" or "Lord of the Estate" in Latin to underscore his longstanding commitment to stewardship of this land. The Napanook Vineyard's volcanic, well draining soils are specifically suited to growing cabernet sauvignon and other Bordeaux varietals which compose of the Dominus Estate wines.

In 2008, Christian Moueix acquired Ulysses vineyard which situated along Napa Valley's Oakville bench and extending over an alluvial fan at the foot of the Mayacamas Range, the site was once part of the famed Charles Hopper ranch and it is exceptional for winegrowing. Since the acquisition, Christian Moueix and his team have pursued an in-depth understanding of the soil and microclimate and have undertaken a lengthy and meticulous vineyard restoration. The winemaking team's intention is to produce a wine reflecting the exceptional potential and individuality of the Ulysses vineyard. The approach is minimalist, with attentive observation and restrained intervention. Harvested at perfect ripeness with the utmost care, the grapes undergo both cluster and berry selection before a gentle vinification and aging.

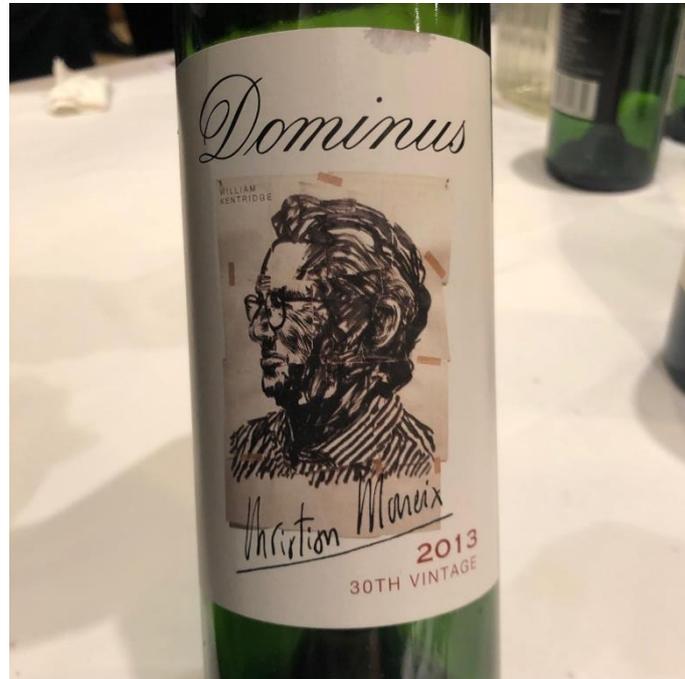


Mr. Edouard Moueix

Dominus, Dominus Estate -Napa Valley-

FROM OLD WORLD TO NEW WORLD

- Known for its complexity and balance. Dominus demonstrates the potential of a wine produced on exceptional terroir.



Dominus 2013

"The 2013 Dominus is, to my way of thinking, one of the most profound wines Christian Moueix has yet made in his rather brilliant winemaking history, both in France and in Napa Valley. This wine, with very low yields of only 3,500 cases and a final blend of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot and 4% Cabernet Franc, offers up notes of cedar wood, forest floor, loamy soil and oodles of blackberry and blackcurrant fruit. Very opaque purple in color, super-pure and intense, this wine has low acidity, but ripe, noticeable tannins. This is a 30- to 40-year wine and a profound effort from this famous vineyard in Yountville." **100 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate**

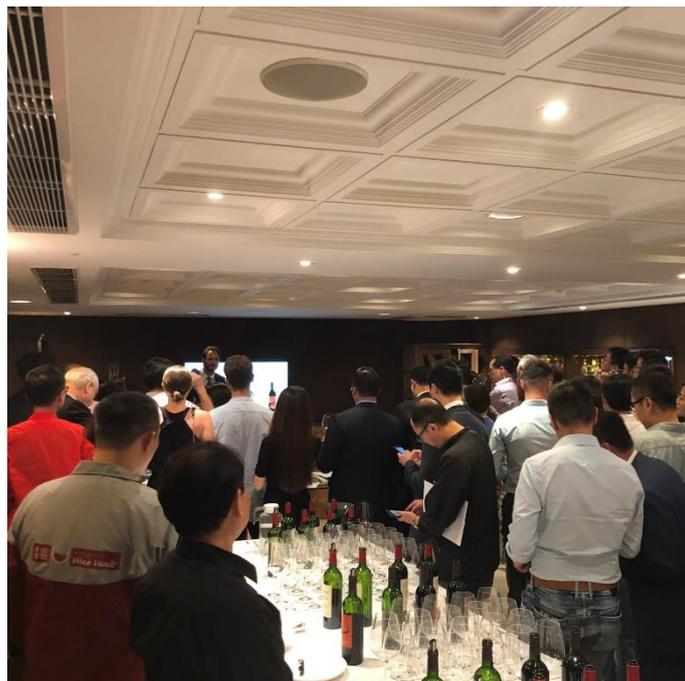
Dominus 2012

"The exuberance and drama in the stunning nose of the dense plum-colored 2012 Dominus offers up notes of Asian spice, ripe, black currants, kirsch, tobacco leaf and Christmas fruitcake. It is full-bodied and opulent, with no hard edges, a seamless integration of acidity, wood and tannin and a density and richness that are built to go on for 25-30 years." **98+ points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate**



Dominus 2011

"The 2011 Dominus, which had the misfortune to follow the virtually perfect 2010, is a blend of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc (5,000 cases produced). The late harvest began on October 15 and finished on October 24. This is an elegant Dominus with good opulence, a deep plum/garnet color, and notes of tobacco leaf, forest floor, underbrush, red and blackcurrants, plum sauce and Asian soy. Medium to full-bodied on the attack and mid-palate, it falls off slightly in the mouth (a characteristic of the 2011 vintage). It should be fully mature in another year or two, and last for 10-12 years. It is undoubtedly a success in this challenging vintage." 89 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate



Napanook, Dominus Estate -Napa Valley-

YOUTHFUL AND EXUBERANT

- Napanook are youthful and exuberant. Meant to be enjoyed regularly when a more casual wine is called for.



Napanook 2013

“There are 2,000 cases of the 2013 Napanook Proprietary Red Wine, a blend of 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc. This wine reflects the much higher quality that’s emerging with the second wine of Dominus, which has really become almost its own entity. Loads of loamy soil notes, grilled herbs, meat, blackcurrants, sweet kirsch and licorice are all present in this medium to full-bodied, lush, sexy wine, even in 2013. It is interesting how much more evolved and forward the 2013 Napanook is compared to the 2013 Dominus. This wine can be drunk over the next 12-15 years. In any event, both merit considerable attention from subscribers.” 93 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate

Napanook 2009

"The 2009 Napanook, which Moueix claims to be one of his favorite wines of the last decade, is among the finest they have made. A blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc, it exhibits a dark plum/purple color along with a big, sweet bouquet of licorice, incense, roasted herbs, loamy soil, kirsch, black currants and underbrush. Medium to full-bodied with silky tannins and a round, opulent mouthfeel, this beauty can be drunk now and over the next 12-15 years." 93 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate



Ulysses, Ulysses Vineyard -Napa Valley-
TO STRIVE, TO SEEK, TO FIND, AND NOT TO YIELD

- Harvested at perfect ripeness and with the utmost care, the grapes undergo both cluster and berry selection before a gentle vinification and aging.



Ulysses 2015

“Possessing mere splashes of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon has a beautifully expressive crème de cassis nose with underlying black cherries, chocolate box, star anise and violets plus touches of pencil shavings and beef drippings. Medium to full-bodied, it delivers a quiet intensity of black fruits and restrained earthy layers supported by chewy tannins and plenty of freshness, finishing long with mineral and savory nuances. It has lovely elegance and depth. It needs another 2-3 years in bottle, then it should cellar gracefully over the next 20+ years. 1,000 cases were made.” 95 points, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate

Ulysses 2014

"The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, which was aged for 17 months in 45% new French oak, is a blend of 92% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. The wine is dense purple, with sweet cedar wood, unsmoked cigar tobacco, crème de cassis, and black raspberries in a classic, almost St-Julien/Pauillac style. This emerged from a valley floor vineyard on the west side of Napa, where Christian Moueix told me that 2014 was characterized by generally slightly higher than average temperatures for the summer with only minor heat spikes in June and July. August and September went off without a hitch, and the harvest took place during the month of September. This full-bodied wine will hit its peak in 3-5 years and last for 25-30." 94 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate

