



TITUS
VINEYARDS

**2005 ZINFANDEL
NAPA VALLEY**

Vintage

The 2005 growing season got off to a slower, later start with a cool spring and late rains stretching into June. The long summer brought moderate heat that stretched into October. The sizeable crop showed higher numbers of berries per cluster, and slightly lower sugar levels. Due to the mild weather and large crop, harvest was later – by about two weeks – and gradual, with picking stretching out over several weeks. The lengthy 2005 growing season gifted these elegant wines with lively aromatics and a beautiful balance of concentration and texture.

Vineyard

Titus Vineyards Napa Valley Zinfandel is produced from grapes grown in our family vineyard on Silverado Trail just north of St. Helena. The 30+ year-old vines are planted on St. George rootstock and grown without irrigation or “dry-farmed”. This old-world winegrowing practice produces low yields of concentrated fruit.

Vinification

Following harvest, the grapes were de-stemmed but not crushed, allowing increased control over tannin extraction by minimizing the possibility of broken skins and split seeds. Following a 48-hour cold soak to extract color and flavor, the grapes underwent a warm fermentation, with pump-overs occurring twice daily, and were pressed shortly after dryness was achieved. The free-run wine was transferred to 30% new and 70% two year old American oak barrels, where it underwent malolactic fermentation. Petite Sirah was fermented and barrel aged separately, and blended into the Zinfandel prior to bottling.

Wine Profile

On the nose, our lively 2005 Napa Valley Zinfandel delivers bright scents of mouthwatering raspberry candy and spiced black cherry juice leading to exotic tones of cracked pepper, dry mustard and crushed cardamom. On the palate, notice splashes of fresh, mouth-coating raspberry juice and hints of blackberry jam. Secondary characters of vanilla tinged American oak spice, toffee, chocolate and a trace of turmeric balance the fruit while adding complexity. Recommended drinking time is three to five years from vintage with a maximum suggested aging time of eight to ten years from vintage. Decant for at least sixty minutes prior to drinking.

Technical Information

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Barrel Aging:	16 months
Winemaker:	Phillip Titus		100% American oak
Appellation:	Napa Valley	Bottled:	April 2007
Blend:	80% Zinfandel	Cases Produced:	1,925
	20% Petite Sirah	Alcohol:	14.7%
Harvest Date:	October 5, 2005	Total Acidity:	.62 g/100 ml
Release:	June 2007	pH:	3.74