

TITUS

2016 FAMILY ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Vintage

It isn't often that you can claim a near-perfect growing season, but in 2016 we could do just that. Moderate rainfall, a low number of frost hours and another mild spring lead to early bud break into flowering and then to fruit set in a steady rhythm. July and August were relatively mild – perfect for veraison - with warmer days coming in September and the beginning of October. 2016 marks the fifth consecutive stellar vintage of Napa Valley wines, another pearl on the strand for quality perfection in Napa Valley wines.

Vineyard

Our family vineyard is located on 40 acres of Napa Valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail. It has well-drained, sandy, alluvial soils and is characterized by its ability to produce complex wines with well-defined fruit flavors, gentle acids, and naturally balanced tannins. The five blocks of Cabernet planted on this vineyard are picked and aged separately, then blended to create our Napa Valley Cabernet.

Vinification

The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested in the two-week period from September 27th-October 12th of 2016. All the 2016 fruit was fully harvested before the rain started to fall on the 14th. It was gently destemmed and then pumped to a tank. It was fermented on the skins from 10-14 days and then drained at the completion of alcoholic fermentation. After draining it was racked to 55% new barrels (50% of which are Hungarian Oak, 40% French Oak and 10% American Oak) to barrels for aging. It was then racked quarterly for the first year before being racked to tank in May 2018 for bottling.

Wine Profile

The 2016 Titus Family Estate Reserve Cabernet is a beautiful wine that highlights the very best of our Ehlers Lane vineyard. Like the grapes, the vineyard produces this Cabernet is concentrated and rich with an enticing structure and robustness. The aromas are reminiscent of dark cherry, boysenberry, toffee, berry pie, coffee, and dark chocolate. The palate is instantly filled with flavors of blackberry, black currant, rum raisin, and berry compote. The core of lush fruit leads to a finish rife with cocoa powder, warm spice, milk chocolate and radiant tannins that extend the finish. Enjoy from 2022-2033 and beyond.

Technical Information:

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Bottled:	September 2018
Winemaker:	Stephen Cruzan	Cases Produced:	1212
Appellation:	Napa Valley	Release:	October 2018
Harvest Date:	September 27 – October 12	Barrel Aging:	50% New French Oak, 40% New Hungarian Oak, 10% New American Oak
Blend:	88% Cabernet 8% Petit Verdot 4% Malbec	Alcohol:	14.9%
		Total Acidity:	6.0
		pH:	3.76