



# TITUS VINEYARDS

## 2014 ZINFANDEL NAPA VALLEY

### *Vintage*

Coming on the heels of 2013, which had been heralded the “vintage of the decade”, 2014 certainly had a lot to live up to. One of the driest winters on record for California, most of the rainfall came in February and March and was quickly followed by warm soil temperatures. Fast spring growth set the valley off and running, in some cases seeing bud break and veraison almost 2 weeks ahead of schedule. The lack of major heat spike, allowed for longer hang times and (coupled with higher degree days and drier soils) increased concentration and complexity – winemakers were again allowed the chance to pick when it suited them, at the best representation of varietal and terroir. A 6.0 earthquake on August 24<sup>th</sup> did not affect the crop at all, and although it will most likely be remembered as “the earthquake vintage”, the 2014’s will go down in history as the best of the stellar 12-13-14 vintage string, and one with higher than average yields and exceptional quality.

### *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. Titus Vineyards Napa Valley Zinfandel is produced from 39 year-old vines that are planted on St. George rootstock and dry-farmed. This old-world winegrowing practice produces low yields of concentrated fruit.

### *Vinification*

The grapes were harvested the third week of September, and we destemmed to tank on arrival to the winery. Once in tank, the wine fermented on the skins for approximately 14 days before the free run wine was drained to barrel. The 2014 Zinfandel was barrel aged for 16 months in 40% new American Oak. The wine was raked one more time before being prepared for bottling.

### *Wine Profile*

#### *Technical Information*

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Release:	October 2016
Winemaker:	Phillip Titus	Aging:	16 months, 40% New American Oak
Appellation:	Napa Valley	Bottled:	December 2015
Blend:	85.5% Zinfandel	Alcohol:	15%
	10.5% Petite Sirah	Total Acidity:	5.9 g/l
	4% Malbec	pH:	3.78
Cases Produced:	1993		
Harvested:	September 18 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2014		