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## 2015 ZINFANDEL NAPA VALLEY

### *Vintage*

The 2015 growing season in Napa Valley started out with unseasonably warm temperatures in late winter and early spring, which resulted in early bud break and bloom. A warm winter followed by colder temperatures in May resulted in a smaller crop than the previous three vintages. While drought was of great concern, the lack of water resulted in small grape clusters with highly concentrated flavors. This vintage will be remembered for its high-quality fruit, but low yields.

### *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 40 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*

Harvested in September of 2015 the clusters were 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. This wine was aged for 10 months in 30% new American Oak.

### *Wine Profile*

The wine has beautiful aromas of brambleberry, sarsaparilla, 5 spice and tart cherry. It glides across your palate and finishes with a refreshing pop; the flavors conjuring summertime memories of cherry pie, molasses and horehound, and autumn spice. The vines were planted in 1977, and this wine exemplifies the concentration and grace of these old vines. Enjoy this wine upon release through 2030 and beyond.

*Special Winemaker's Note:* 2015 was the inaugural vintage for the new Titus Winery building, and our Zinfandel was the very first red fruit processed there.

### *Technical Information*

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Release:	May 2017
Winemaker:	Stephen Cruzan	Aging:	10 months, 30% New American Oak
Appellation:	Napa Valley	Bottled:	September 2016
Blend:	95% Zinfandel 5% Petite Sirah	Alcohol:	15.5%
Cases Produced:	1659	Total Acidity:	6.1 g/l
Harvested:	September 2015	pH:	3.82