



## 2018 SAUVIGNON BLANC NAPA VALLEY

TITUS



50 YEARS IN NAPA VALLEY

- ESTABLISHED 1969 -

Titus Vineyards is a family owned 50-acre vineyard and winery located at the base of Howell Mountain along the Silverado Trail in the heart of the St. Helena AVA, Napa Valley. In the past 50 years, some of the valley's finest wines including Charles Krug, Beaulieu Vineyards and Cuvaison have originated from our historic vineyards. The modern-day legacy of winemaking and land stewardship is reflected in the distinctive character, well balanced wines made here.

### VINEYARDS

- Our well-drained, sandy, alluvial soils are characterized by its ability to produce with well-defined fruit flavors, and fresh acids.
- Our Sauvignon Blanc vines were planted in 2004 and are bordered by the Napa River on the southwest corner of the Titus Estate Vineyard.
- The vines are cane pruned and trained with a split canopy to enhance concentration, dappled sunlight and good air circulation.

### VINTAGE

- Late season rains and cool temperatures meant for a slightly later Spring with bud break occurring in the third week of March. Even weather through out the Spring allowed the soils to dry out and flowering to occur unabated with balanced berry set happening across all varieties.
- June and July provided ideal weather to help the vines catch up a bit and proceed into veraison in early August. The heat of late Summer allowed the vineyards to develop deep flavors with rich color in the red varieties and bright fruit in our Sauvignon Blanc.
- Harvest for the Sauvignon Blanc occurred the week of Labor Day. The later harvest date allowed the fruit to be expressive, bright and retain its natural acid.

### WINEMAKING

This vintage of Sauvignon Blanc was whole cluster pressed, and the juice was transferred to a stainless steel tank where fermentation took place. At the conclusion of fermentation, the wine was gently racked to neutral French Oak barrels where it stayed for the remainder of its aging. The Viognier was barrel fermented and barrel aged. After 4 months of aging these wines were racked to tank and blended to be cold stabilized in preparation for bottling.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus  
Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan  
Appellation: Napa Valley  
Harvest Date: Sept 4, 2018  
Bottled: March 14, 2019

Release: Aug 2019  
Blend: 95.2% Sauvignon Blanc, Estate  
4.8% Viognier  
Cases Produced: 994

Barrel Aging: 4 Months in used  
French Oak  
Alcohol: 14.1%  
Acidity: 7.5 g/L  
pH: 3.26

### TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Titus Sauvignon Blanc was harvested on September 4th from our Titus Ranch Estate Vineyard. This stellar wine sings no matter the occasion and has polished aromas of lemon lime, pear, peach skin and plumeria. The wine is round and crisp on the palate with bright acidity and grapefruit pith, Asian pear, fruit cocktail, cut hay and lychee notes. The finish is bright with a bit of lemon curd that lingers pleasantly until your next sip.