



TITUS



- ESTABLISHED 1969 -

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

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 valleys finest wines including Charles Krug, Beaulieu Vineyards and Cuvaision 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.

VINEYARD

Our estate 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 the core of our Napa Valley Cabernet.

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. After a perfect ripening period the fruit was very expressive as it was being picked from our vineyards, especially the Cabernet Sauvignon. Once in the cellar the wines displayed a wonderful level of concentration, balance and rich playful fruit that has become a hallmark of our Titus Ranch Estate Vineyard.

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 exhibits aromas of pomegranate, Bing Cherry, crushed flowers, sweet herbs, dried cranberries, and mocha. The delightful aromas follow through to the mouth-filling and concentrated palate with flavors of French plum, mission fig, fruit leather, cocoa powder, and espresso. The lush tannins and acid provide freshness and grace to the wine that makes it tasty and approachable. Enjoy now through 2026.

SCORES

WA-90 Points | JS-92 Points | Wine Spectrum-Wine of the Year

WINEMAKING

The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested in the two-week period with over a dozen passes from September 27th-October 12th 2016. All the 2016 fruit was fully harvested before the rain started to fall on the 14th. It was gently destemmed and then moved to temperature controlled open tanks. It was fermented on the skins from 10-14 days and then drained at the completion of alcoholic fermentation. The wine was racked to barrels for aging. Tight grain, steam bent oak stave selected is preferred. It was then racked quarterly for the first year. Blending trials begin the summer after harvest with the focus on the core Cabernet lots that are complete wines. By the following January our attention shifts to fine tuning structure, texture and aromatics of the blend. The final blends are polished in the spring with single barrel nuances.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus

Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan

Harvest Date: Sept 27-Oct 12

Bottled: May 2018 Release: Sept 2018

Blend: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon

6.5% Petit Verdot

5% Merlot

3.5% Malbec

Barrel Aging: 55% New Oak French

40% New Oak Hungarian

10% New Oak American

Alcohol: 15.1% Acidity: 6.1 pH: 3.78

ERIC TITUS RECOMMENDS THESE PAIRINGS:

Gourmet Portabello Burgers, Thai Short Ribs, Pasta Bolognese, Korean Barbeque, and Lamb Ragout with Roasted Vegetables.