



2017 ZINFANDEL 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 valleys 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.

VINEYARD

- Our estate vineyard is located on 40 acres of Napa Valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail.
- The Zinfandel vines are ideally located in well-drained, sandy loam, alluvial soils, and produce complex wines with well-defined fruit flavors, gentle acids, and naturally balanced tannins.
- The Zinfandel vines are a classic combination of dry-farmed St George rootstock grafted with an old Napa Zinfandel field clone exhibiting moderate yields with notable fruit and spice characters.

VINTAGE

- Despite record rainfalls during the Winter the rain stopped early and budbreak began on time with a full water table and sunny skies through the majority of April.
- May and June brought even weather with good recovery periods after typical heat spells. This led to even flowering and fruit set with a balanced crop hanging on the vines.
- The region had unseasonably high temperatures in early September which pushed the Zinfandel maturity along to create impressive fruit/spice expression.

WINEMAKING

Planted by the Titus family in 1977 this 40 year old Zinfandel vineyard is dry farmed on St George rootstock. The fruit was harvested in two separate picks on September 7th and October 3rd. The grapes were gently destemmed and hand sorted before being pumped to tank for cold soak. After a cold soak of 3 days the wine fermented on the skins for 12 days to the completion of alcoholic fermentation. The free run wine was then racked to barrel where Malolactic fermentation took place. The lots were blended in February and the wine aged in 30% new American Oak barrels for a total of 12 months before bottling.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus
Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan
Appellation: Napa Valley
Harvest Date: September 7, 2017
Bottled: Sept 2018

Release: Sept 2019
Blend: 100% Zinfandel
Cases Produced: 1344

Barrel Aging: 12 Months
30% New American Oak
Alcohol: 15.5% Acidity: 6.7 g/l
pH: 3.91

TASTING NOTES

The final vintage for our beloved Zin Block 1 has produced a stunner. Originally planted in 1977 these vines have been more than generous over the years and have produced another delicious wine one last time. The wine shows off with exuberant aromas of boysenberry, apricots, clove, dark chocolate and cinnamon spice. The palate is inviting and rich with flavors like cherry pie, brandied cherries, anise, birch beer and fig. The smooth mouthfeel keeps the wine drinkable and integrated throughout as it finishes with notes of orange zest and licorice. Enjoy this wine now through 2031.