

2018 FAMILY ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TITUS



— 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.

VINEYARDS

- Our home 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.
- Our Ehlers Lane vineyard lies to the north of the winery estate, on the northern boundary of the St. Helena AVA. The volcanic slope and rocky stream bed soils yields small Cabernet Sauvignon berries and concentrated fruit.
- Multiple harvesting passes resulted in small lot fermentations that optimize the timing and selection for ideal fruit maturity.

VINTAGE

- Late season rains and cool temperatures resulted delayed Spring weather with bud break occurring in the third week of March. Even weather throughout 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 for the vines to catch up a bit and proceed into veraison in early August. The heat of late Summer and the ample crop resulted in a prolonged ripening period; the extended hang time through October allowed the vineyards to develop deep flavors with rich color in the red varieties.
- The Cabernet Sauvignon harvest occurred in mid and late October. The later harvest dates allowed the fruit to be expressive, concentrated and retain its natural acidity, yet softened tannins ideally for building a bold yet integrated wine.

WINEMAKING

The Cabernet for the 2018 Titus Family Reserve was harvested in the week from October 20th to October 27th, 2018. The Cabernet Sauvignon comes primarily from the Titus Estate on Ehlers Ln which is a rocky vineyard with a large rock knoll outcropping. After the fruit was received at the winery it was hand sorted and destemmed directly to tank where it was fermented for 14 days. After fermentation, the free run wine was drained from tank and racked to barrel. This wine was aged in 100% new French Oak barrels for 22 months during which a barrel selection of our favorites produces the blend for this wine.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus

Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan

Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest Date: Oct 20th – 27th, 2018

Bottled: June 12, 2020

Blend: 91% Cabernet Sauvignon

5% Petit Verdot

4% Malbec

Cases Produced: 1752

Barrel Aging: 100% New French
Oak

Alcohol: 14.9%

Acidity: 6.1 g/L

pH: 3.76

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Titus Family Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon shows off the typical concentration and depth that is quintessential of the vines grown in the rocky soils at our Ehlers Lane Vineyard. The wine is dark with aromas of cassis, blueberry, roasted coffee, molasses and lifted floral notes. The body is dense and powerful on entry with purity displaying black raspberry, blueberry, and black currant flavors. The structure is focused with mouthcoating tannins that draw the wine through the palate. The finish is rich and lingering, accented by essences of cigar box, dark chocolate and espresso. Enjoy from 2029-2038.