

# 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

TITUS



SILVERADO TRAIL  
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.

## 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 vineyard passes resulted in small lot harvesting that optimizes 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 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested in the four-week period from October 5th - November 1st of 2018. After picking the fruit was gently destemmed and then pumped to tank. It was fermented on the skins from 14-60 days and then drained at the completion of maceration. After draining it was racked to 60% new French and Hungarian Oak barrels for aging. It was then racked quarterly for the first year before being racked to tank in May 2020 for bottling

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus

Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan

Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest Date: Oct 5 - Nov 1, 2018

Bottled: May 2020

Blend: 80.5% Cabernet Sauvignon

12% Petit Verdot

4.5% Cab Franc

3% Malbec

Cases Produced: 4982

Barrel Aging: 20 months in 60% New

French & Hungarian Oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

Acidity: 5.9 g/L

pH: 3.86

## TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Titus Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon displays the plushness and vibrancy that comes from the alluvial sandy soils at our Titus Ranch Estate Vineyard. The aromas greet you with notes of black cherry, pomegranate, fig, earl grey tea and flowering sage. The entry on the palate is smooth with nicely textured acid that keeps the wine fresh and enticing. Bing cherry, berry pie, and tamarind fruit flavors evolve into notes of plum sauce and Asian five spice as the wine glides through your palate. Graceful tannins finish the wine with delightful cherry tart and spice that linger. Enjoy through 2031.