



2018 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 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

- The 2018 is the inaugural vintage using 100% Zinfandel fruit from the Bald Mountain Vineyard. This old vine Zinfandel is grown in the mountain vineyard off of Wall Rd and is one of the most stunning vineyards in Napa Valley. The old vines produce a concentrated and ripe Zinfandel that will age for years.
- The wine is blended with 9% Titus Vineyard Petite Sirah. These vines are dry-farmed in well-drained, sandy loam, alluvial soils. The clones are "1" from Caldwell and field selections from the historic Stanton Vineyard in Napa. At Titus Vineyard they yield well defined tangy fruit and cocoa spice characters, gentle acids, and naturally balanced tannins.

VINTAGE

- Late season rains and cool temperatures resulted in a slightly later Spring with bud break occurring in the third week of March. Even weather throughout Ample January 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 and ample crop resulted in a drawn out ripening period; the extended hang time through October allowed the vineyards to develop deep flavors with rich color in the red varieties.
- Harvest for the Zinfandel occurred in mid-October. The later harvest date allowed the fruit to be expressive, concentrated and retain its natural acidity.

WINEMAKING

The fruit from this hillside site was picked in two passes two weeks apart to capture two different expressions of the vineyards. Each pick was done by hand and early in the morning. The grapes were hand sorted and gently de-stemmed before fermenting in small tanks. The wine was macerating on the skins for 14 days until the alcoholic fermentation finished. The two lots were blended in the spring then drained from the tank the wine and racked to 30% new American Oak barrels. The wine aged for one year prior to bottling.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus

Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan

Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest Date: 10/17/18 and 10/31/18

Bottled: 8/16/2019

Release: July 2020

Blend: 91% Zinfandel

9% Petite Sirah

Cases Produced: 1244

Barrel Aging: 9 Months

30% New American Oak

Alcohol: 16.1%

Acidity: 6.4 g/L

pH: 3.84

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Titus Zinfandel is packed with thrilling aromas that jump out of the glass. It greets your senses with notes of boysenberry, mulberry, pomegranate, thistle and shades of cologne. First sips contain a riot of flavor as this medium bodied wine fills the palate with wild berry, birch beer, spice, and cream soda. The wine builds with gentle smooth tannins that are balanced with fresh acidity and drinkability. Throughout the finish the wine is rife with barrel toast and citrus zest as the wine lingers. Enjoy now through 2030.