

# 2019 FAMILY ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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.

## 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

- The 2019 growing season began with ample January rains that continued through the Winter months. Lower than average temperatures as we moved into Spring pushed bud break off a week or two from the normal window. Unseasonable rains moved in the month of May, which did not affect fruit set due to the delay in flowering. At this point the soil moisture was ideal going into the long summer growing season.
- Mild to warm growing conditions throughout June and July allowed the soil to gradually dry and kept the plants in stress free state leading up to and through veraison. A warm August helped the ample crop move along toward maturity, with September providing ideal conditions for extended hang time to develop color and flavor. Similar to 2018, the majority of the red grape harvest was in October

## WINEMAKING

The Cabernet for the 2019 Titus Family Reserve was harvested in the week from October 10th to October 17th 2019. The Cabernet Sauvignon comes primarily from the Titus Estate on Ehlers Ln which has rocky soil and is planted on a large rock knoll. After the fruit was received at the winery it was destemmed directly to tank where it was fermented for 14 days. At the conclusion of 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 favorite barrels produced the blend for this wine.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus

Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan

Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest Date: Oct 10<sup>th</sup> – 17th, 2019

Bottled: June 2021

Blend: 95% Cabernet Sauvignon

5% Petit Verdot

Cases Produced: 1250

Barrel Aging: 22 months in 100%

New French Oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

Acidity: 6.2 g/L

pH: 3.77

## TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Titus Family Estate Reserve displays the focused character of the Ehlers Lane vineyard with a powerful wine that is impeccably structured. As it develops in the glass aromas of blueberry, and dark cherry, come together with espresso, bakers' chocolate, crème brulee, and rose hip. Unctuous on the palate this delightful wine is nicely framed with lush tannins that highlight crème de cassis, black raspberry, and rich toast flavors. The wine keeps freshness through the finish and lingers with purity and grace. Enjoy 2025-2039.