



## 2019 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 2019 uses 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

- 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 effect 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 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.
- Harvest for the Zinfandel occurred in mid-October. The later harvest date allowed the fruit to be expressive, concentrated and retain its natural acidity. Overall, 2019 was a near perfect growing season for Zinfandel.

### WINEMAKING

The fruit arrives at the winery early in the morning before being destemmed to tank. The wine is macerated for 10-14 days until the completion of alcoholic fermentation. After draining we rack and sorted the wine to 30% new American Oak barrels where it ages for 9 months before being bottled in August.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus  
Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan  
Appellation: Napa Valley  
Harvest Date: 10/11/19  
Bottled: 8/24/2019

Release: January 2020  
Blend: 85% Zinfandel  
15% Petite Sirah  
Cases Produced: 645

Barrel Aging: 12 Months  
30% New American Oak  
Alcohol: 15.1%  
Acidity: 5.7 g/L  
pH: 3.87

### TASTING NOTES

The 2019 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 glove leather. First sips contain a riot of flavor as this medium bodied wine fills the palate with wild berry, birch beer, spice, and spiced vanilla. The wine builds with gentle smooth tannins that are balanced with fresh acidity and drinkability. Throughout the finish the wine has complex barrel toast and citrus zest notes as the fruit lingers. Enjoy now through 2030.