



2020 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 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 meant for a slightly later Spring 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 to help the vines catch up a bit and proceed into veraison in early August. The heat of late Summer allowed the vineyards to develop deep flavors with rich color in the red varieties.
- The mid-September harvest dates for the Zinfandel 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 fruit was picked on September 18th and arrived at the winery early in the morning before being destemmed to tank. The wine is macerated for 14 days until the completion of alcoholic fermentation. After draining we rack the wine to 30% new American Oak barrels where it ages for 11 months before being bottled in August.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus
Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan
Appellation: Napa Valley
Harvest Date: Sept. 18th 2020
Bottled: Aug. 18th, 2021

Release: March 2021
Blend: 96.5% Zinfandel
4.5% Petit Sirah
Cases Produced: 770

Barrel Aging: 11 months in 30% New
American Oak
Alcohol: 15.1%
Acidity: 5.8 g/L
pH: 3.89

TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Titus Zinfandel has generous bright aromas of cherry, bramble berry, horehound, orange zest and birch beer. The old vines where the grapes are grown have offered up another classic with a palate that is glossy on entry and has marionberry, dried strawberries, kirsch, and rose petal leading to round juicy tannins. The finish is long with notes of cigar box, potpourri, and lingering cherry tart. Enjoy now through 2028.