

# 2021 PETITE SIRAH 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 valley's finest wines including Charles Krug, Beaulieu Vineyards and Cuvaion 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 late September harvest dates for the Petite Sirah 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 2021 Titus Petite Sirah was harvested on September 21st and 29th, 2021. After the fruit was received at the winery it was destemmed directly to tank where it was fermented for 14 days. After fermentation the free run wine was drained from tank and racked to barrel. This wine was aged in 55% new American and Hungarian Oak for 22 months before being racked to tank for bottling.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus  
Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan  
Appellation: Napa Valley  
Harvest Date: Sep. 2021  
Bottled: August 2023

Blend: 87% Petite Sirah  
13% Malbec  
Cases Produced: 310

Barrel Aging: 22 months in 55% New  
American & Hungarian Oak  
Alcohol: 14.8%  
Acidity: 6.1 g/L  
pH: 3.79

## TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Titus Petite Sirah shows the generosity and ripeness that was possible in the 2021 vintage. Packed with a plethora of dark and ripe berry fruits, the aromas are interlaced with heady plumeria and vanilla bean that effortlessly lift out of the glass. The palate is filled with berry pie, Luxardo cherry and deep, unctuous tannins filling out a smooth long texture. Enjoy 2025-2039.