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 well-drained, sandy, alluvial soils are characterized by its ability to produce with well-defined fruit flavors, and bright acids.
- Our Sauvignon Blanc vines were planted in 2004 and are bordered by the Napa River on the southwest corner of the Titus Estate Vineyard.
- The vines are cane pruned and trained with a split canopy to enhance concentration, dappled sunlight, and good air circulation.

## VINTAGE

• Near record low rainfall accumulations during the winter of 2021 brought on drought like conditions that encouraged bud break and

an early start to the growing season. Even, sunny weather throughout the Spring allowed vines to grow on schedule and flowering occurred unabated with balanced berry set happening across all varieties.

- June and July were warm with expected heat spells that proceeded into veraison in late July and early August. A smaller than typical
  - crop and the heat of late Summer allowed the vineyards to develop quickly leading to concentrated fruit and deep flavors with rich color in the red varieties and bright fruit in our Sauvignon Blanc.
- Harvest for the Sauvignon Blanc occurred during the month of August. The smaller than average crop allowed the fruit to be

## WINEMAKING

This vintage of Sauvignon Blanc was whole cluster pressed, and the juice was transferred to a stainless-steel tank where fermentation took place. At the conclusion of fermentation, the wine was gently racked to neutral French Oak barrels where it stayed for the remainder of its elevage. The Viognier was barrel fermented and barrel aged. After 4 months of aging these wines were racked to tank and blended to be cold stabilized in preparation for bottling.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest Date: Aug 6 & 20th, 2021

Bottled: March 4, 2022

Release: March 2022

Blend: 96% Sauvignon Blanc, Estate

4% Viognier Cases Produced: 1000 Barrel Aging: Neutral French Oak

Alcohol: 14.1% Acidity: 7.0 g/L

pH: 3.31

## TASTING NOTES

Kicking off the beginning of an early vintage here at Titus the 2021 Sauvignon Blanc was harvested on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, the early ripening and gradual picking yielded a wine that is vibrant and bright. Fragrant and lively with notes of pear, stone fruits, mandarin, lemongrass, and orange blossom on the nose. The palate is open and bright and a core of Buddha's hand, kafir lime and Meyer lemon citrus leading to more tropical passion fruit and lychee flavors. The acid keeps the wine fresh throughout the palate and drives the wine to a finish filled with fuji apple, peach skin, and jasmine tones.