

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

- Lower than average late winter rainfall in 2022 continued drought like conditions that encouraged bud break and an early start to the growing season. A sunny and warm Spring encouraged early canopy growth and flowering on schedule, that made for balanced berry set and a good-sized crop across all varieties.
- Summer conditions were near idyllic, and June and July were warm without being overly hot, that proceeded into veraison in late July and early August.

## WINEMAKING

The 2022 Bald Mountain Zinfandel is the first Titus single vineyard Zinfandel and is comprised of 100% 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 the North Coast. The old vines produce a concentrated and ripe Zinfandel that will age for years.

The fruit was picked on September 23rd, 2022 and arrived at the winery early in the morning before being destemmed to tank. The wine was then macerated for 14 days until the completion of alcoholic fermentation. After draining it was racked to 30% new American Oak barrels where is aged for one year before being bottled in August.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan Appellation: Napa Valley Harvest Date: September 2022

Bottled: August 2023

Blend: 100% Zinfandel Cases Produced: 750 Barrel Aging: 12 months in 30% New American Oak Alcohol: 14.5% Acidity: 5.8 g/L

pH: 3.87

## TASTING NOTES

Nestled high in the hills above Sonoma Valley the old dry farmed Zinfandel vines at Bald Mountain vineyard have produced a delicious supremely drinkable wine. The aromas are packed with bramble berry, dried cherry, Asian 5 spice, and cracked pepper. Smooth on the palate with a rounded texture notes of cocktail cherry, wild berry pie, spice, dried mandarin ease into elegant tan-nins. Through the finish the wine is bright with lingering backing spice notes. Enjoy now through 2028.