

2022 MALBEC 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 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

- 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 Malbec was harvested from Stagecoach Vineyard on September 27th and October 9th of 2021. The fruit was gently destemmed and then pumped to tank. It was fermented on the skins for 10-14 days and then drained at the completion of alcoholic fermentation. After draining it was racked to 55% new French for ageing. It was then racked quarterly for the first year before being racked to tank in April for bottling.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus
Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan
Appellation: Napa Valley
Harvest Date: Sep. 2022
Bottled: May 2024

Blend: 84% Malbec
10% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Petit Verdot
Cases Produced: 425

Barrel Aging: 20 months in 55% New French Oak
Alcohol: 14.8%
Acidity: 6.0 g/L
pH: 3.76

TASTING NOTES

The fruit forward brightness of the 2022 Titus Malbec is juicy and displays the depth possible in Napa Valley Malbec. The aromas are refined with pomegranate, cherry pie, raisin, peppercorn and uplifted floral notes that gather in the glass. Vibrant and juicy on entry the wine is vivacious with elongated tannins and fresh acidity keeping the wine bright throughout. French plum, pie crust, and Fall spices linger as the wine finishes smooth. Enjoy through 2034.