

# 2023 CABERNET FRANC 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 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

A long Winter and Spring notable for near record rainfall led to a later than usual bud break in the beginning of the growing season, sunny warm conditions during May soon had the vines starting bloom with near perfect conditions.

- Even temperatures throughout the Summer provided the ideal conditions for the growing berries to develop flavor, retain acidity and build up phenolic characteristics. Veraison occurred in early August for most varieties, followed by some appropriate heat to help the fruit finish the season.
- Harvest for the Pinot Noir was in early October. The ideal weather allowed for precise picking of mature fruit that yielded bright wines with a vibrant fruit and acid profile.

## WINEMAKING

The 2023 Titus Cabernet Franc was harvested on October 5th from the Titus Ranch Estate and on October 30th 2023 from the Sugarloaf Mtn Vineyard. The Cabernet Franc is a combination from the Titus Estate Vineyard and Sugarloaf Mtn vineyard in South Napa. The combination of slightly cooler climate Cabernet Franc from Sugarloaf and the Titus Cabernet Franc makes for an exciting blend of Cab Franc characters. This wine combines the richness of St Helena and the grace and floral notes of the cooler climes of South Napa. 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 French Oak for 20 months before being racked to tank for bottling. This wine was racked quarterly during the first year.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus  
Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan  
Appellation: Napa Valley  
Harvest Date: Oct. 2023  
Bottled: May 2025

Blend: 79% Cabernet Franc  
10% Merlot  
6% Cabernet Sauvignon  
5% Malbec  
Cases Produced: 1700

Barrel Aging: 20 months in 55% New French Oak  
Alcohol: 14.8%  
Acidity: 6.5 g/L  
pH: 3.73

## TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Cabernet Franc has a dark red fruit orientation, with black cherry, raspberry, and strawberry preserves dominating the fruit profile. Classic Cabernet Franc secondary aromas of flint, sage, thyme, and thistle are complimented by espresso, baileys coffee cream, and crème de cassis oak notes. The palate is packed with cherry fruit leather and macerated raspberry flavors. It has a soft and elegant tannin structure with silky tannins and a long finish. Enjoy through 2040.