



## 2022 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 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 Titus Cabernet Franc was harvested on September 22nd from the Titus Ranch Estate and on October 13th 2022 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: 9/22/2022, 10/18/2022

Bottled: 5/14/2024

Blend: 80% Cabernet Franc

8% Merlot

6% Cabernet Sauvignon

6% Malbec

Cases Produced: 1015

Barrel Aging: 12 months in 30% New

American Oak

Alcohol: 14.8%

Acidity: 5.9 g/L

pH: 3.76

### TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Titus Cabernet Franc is another example of the breadth of flavors and complexity inherent to one of our oldest bottlings. The aromas open with pomegranate, raspberry and Mexican chocolate while notes of green tea, flowering rosemary, and tobacco are interlaced with the fruit. The wine is smooth and almost delicate on entry with nicely integrated tannins that display roundness and finesse. Brandied cherry, currant and dark chocolate are present leading to savory spice and a floral lift to the finish. Enjoy through 2032.