



## 2022 MERLOT 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 Merlot was harvested on October 8th 2022. The Merlot is 100% from two blocks at the Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard in Southern Napa. After the fruit was recieved 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 Hungarian Oak barrels 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: October 8th, 2022  
Bottled: 5/14/2024

Blend: 89% Merlot  
6.5% Cabernet Sauvignon  
4.5% Malbec  
Cases Produced: 485

Barrel Aging: 12 months in 30% New American Oak  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
Acidity: 6.3 g/L  
pH: 3.76

### TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Titus Merlot is a wonderful expression of this classic variety. Notes of red fruit, cherry, anise and fall spices jump out of the glass on the first swirls. The wine is smooth, with rounded medium bodied texture, fine-grained tannins and bright acidity contribute to the freshness of the palate. Bing cherry, strawberry, pomegranate, and cinnamon lead the way with well-integrated oak and Earl Grey Tea rounding out the palate into a finish that is supple and lingering. Enjoy through 2034.