



TITUS



50 YEARS IN NAPA VALLEY

- ESTABLISHED 1969 -

## 2023 ZINFANDEL NAPA VALLEY

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 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

- The primary vineyard for our Sauvignon Blanc is the 40 acre Winery Vineyard on the valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail. It has well drained, sandy, alluvial soils. The Sauvignon Blanc blocks lie close to the Napa River. The site is characterized by its ability to produce complex wines with well defined fruit flavors and gentle but firm acids.
- Multiple vineyard passes resulted in small lot harvesting that expresses the complete range of varietal character on our site.
- For aromatic lift and texture we add some Viognier fruit from the highly regarded Catie's Corner vineyard where cool and foggy mornings and evenings are ideal for this varietal. We add just enough to make the wine distinctive without changing the character of the Sauvignon Blanc.

### 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 Titus Zinfandel 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 Zinfandel is comprised of 100% fruit from the Titus Ranch Estate Vineyard. This old vine Zinfandel is dry farmed in the oldest block on our property. The old vines produce a concentrated and ripe Zinfandel that will age for years.

The fruit was picked on October 9th and arrived at the winery early in the morning before being destemmed to tank. The wine is macerated for 14 days until the completion of alcoholic fermentation. After draining we rack the wine to 30% new American

Oak barrels where it ages for one year before being bottled in August.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus

Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan

Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest Date: 9/9/2023

Blend: 92% Zinfandel

8% Petit Sirah

Cases Produced: 1911

Barrel Aging:

Alcohol: 14.5%

Acidity: 6.6g/L

pH: 3.84

### TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Napa Valley Zinfandel exhibits the broader, darker side of Zinfandel with wild berry, blackberry, horehound, bay and Asian Five Spice notes out of the glass. The wine fills the palate with constrained intensity, balanced acidity and glossy tannins that maintain a bright freshness throughout. Rich blackberry notes give way to root beer and molasses through to the finish. Enjoy now through 2032.