



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

- Late season rains and cool temperatures meant for a slightly later Spring with bud break occurring in the third week of March. Even weather throughout the Spring allowed the soils to dry out and flowering to occur unabated with balanced berry set happening across all varieties.
- June and July provided ideal weather to help the vines catch up a bit and proceed into veraison in early August. The heat of late Summer allowed the vineyards to develop deep flavors with rich color in the red varieties.
- The late September harvest dates for the Petite Sirah allowed the fruit to be expressive, concentrated and retain its natural acidity, yet softened tannins ideally for building a bold yet integrated wine.

## WINEMAKING

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan Appellation: Napa Valley

 $Harvest\ Date:\ Sept.-Oct.\ 2021$ 

Bottled: June 2023

Blend: 42% Petite Sirah 28% Malbec 28% Petit Verdot 2% Zinfandel

Cases Produced: 350

Barrel Aging: 20 months in 60% New

French & Hungarian Oak

Alcohol: 14.8% Acidity: 5.8 g/L

pH: 3.77

## TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Titus Lot 1 is a robust concentrated wine filled with depth and layers redolent of our favorite past Lot 1's. The aromas are packed with blueberry, blackberry, chocolate, purple flowers and lingering leather and earth notes that give the bouquet a lifted finish. Rich and dark on entry the flavors fill the palate with cassis, dark berry compote, mocha and cherry cola with a melted down mouthcoating texture. The tannins have a pleasant grip with enough polish to help the wine glide to the finish with notes of lilac, cedar, and radiant warm toast. Enjoy 2024-2038.