

# 2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON 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

- 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 September harvest dates for the Cabernet allowed the fruit to be expressive, concentrated and retain its natural acidity, yet softened tannins ideally for building a bold yet integrated wine.

## WINEMAKING

The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested in the ten-day period of September 17th - September 25th of 2020. After picking the fruit was gently destemmed and then pumped to tank. It was fermented on the skins from 14-21 days and then drained at the completion of maceration. After draining it was racked to 60% new French and Hungarian Oak barrels for ageing. It was then racked quarterly for the first year before being racked to tank in July 2022 for bottling.

The Cabernet Sauvignon in the 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon is primarily from the Titus Ranch Estate. This wine shows off the depth of flavor and lushness of tannins that this site produces year after year.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus  
Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan  
Appellation: Napa Valley  
Harvest Date: September 2020  
Bottled: July 2022

Blend: 81% Cabernet Sauvignon  
7.5% Petit Verdot  
7% Merlot  
4.5% Malbec  
Cases Produced: 1974

Barrel Aging: 20 months in 60% New  
French & Hungarian Oak  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
Acidity: 6.4 g/L  
pH: 3.76

## TASTING NOTES

Produced from our Titus Ranch Estate Vineyard this Cabernet shows the balance and poise that is distinctive from our winery's home vineyards. Aromatically the wine exhibits cherry, plum, and fig fruit aromas with lingering hints of baking spice, leather, and black tea. Vibrant and smooth on the entry the wine opens with red fruits, cherry hard candy, and berry compote that hold the fresh acidity in balance with fine grained tannins. Cigar box and Bing cherry meld with the rich texture and develop to coco powder and espresso on the finish where the wine lingers pleasantly. Enjoy now through 2035.