



2018 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, Beau-lieu Vineyards and Cuvaion have originated from our historic vineyards. Our flagship Cabernet Sauvignon is well represented by the modern-day legacy of winemaking and land stewardship which is reflected in the impressive character and balance of the wines made here.

VINEYARDS

- Our estate vineyard is 40 acres of Napa Valley floor, north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail.
- Well-drained, sandy, alluvial soils produce focused fruit flavors, integrated acids, and naturally balanced tannins.
- The five blocks of Cabernet planted on this vineyard are picked multiple times and aged separately, then blended to create the core of our Napa Valley Cabernet.

VINTAGE

- Late season rains and cool temperatures resulted in a slightly later bud break in the third week of March. Even, temperate Spring weather after the ample rains of winter allowed the soils to dry out. Perfect, uninterrupted flowering followed with balanced berry set happening across all varieties.
- June and July provided ideal warm weather to help the vines catch up a bit and by early August veraison began in the clusters. The heat of late Summer and ample fruit prolonged the ripening period; the extended hang time through October allowed the vineyard to develop deep flavors with rich color in the red varieties.
- Harvest for the Cabernet Sauvignon occurred in mid - late October. The later harvest dates allowed the fruit to be expressive, concentrated yet retain its natural acidity and softened tannins. Ideal conditions for building a bold yet integrated Cabernet Sauvignon.

WINEMAKING

The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested in the four week period from October 5th - November 1st of 2018. After picking the fruit was gently destemmed and then pumped to tank. It was fermented on the skins from 14-60 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 May 2019 for bottling.

The Cabernet Sauvignon in the 2018 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: Oct 5 - Nov 1, 2018

Bottled: May 13 - May 15, 2020

Blend: 80.5% Cabernet Sauvignon

12% Petit Verdot

4.5% Cabernet Franc

3% Malbec

Cases Produced: 4982

Barrel Aging: 60% New French

& Hungarian Oak

Alcohol: 14.5% Acidity: 5.9

pH: 3.86

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Titus Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon displays the plushness and vibrancy that comes from the alluvial sandy soils at our Titus Ranch Estate Vineyard. The aromas greet you with notes of black cherry, pomegranate, fig, earl grey tea and flowering sage. The entry on the palate is smooth with nicely textured acid that keeps the wine fresh and enticing. Bing cherry, berry pie, and tamarind fruit flavors evolve into notes of plum sauce and Asian five spice as the wine glides through your palate. Graceful tannins finish the wine with delightful cherry tart and spice that linger. Enjoy through 2031.