



# 2018 FAMILY ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TITUS



50 YEARS IN NAPA VALLEY

- ESTABLISHED 1969 -

Titus Vineyards are family owned and composed of two vineyard sites. A 40 acre vineyard and winery located at the base of Howell Mountain along the Silverado Trail and the 10 acre "Home" vineyard on the other side of the Napa River and Highway 29 on Ehlers Lane. Both 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 Estate Reserve showcases the concentration and complexity of Cabernet Sauvignon from the Home Vineyard. The wine is remarkable in its balance and approachability in its youth, but will reward cellaring for years to come.

## VINEYARD

- 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 which forms the core of this wine.
- Multiple picking passes from Ehlers Lane are fermented individually and are evaluated throughout elevage.

## 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 Cabernet for the 2018 Titus Family Reserve was harvested in the week from October 20th to October 27th 2018. The Cabernet Sauvignon comes primarily from the Titus Estate on Ehlers Ln which is a rocky vineyard with a large rock knoll outcropping. 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 100% new French Oak barrels for 22 months during which a barrel selection of our favorites produces the blend for this wine.

The wines where racked quarterly for the first year.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus  
 Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan  
 Appellation: Napa Valley  
 Harvest Date: Oct 20-27, 2018  
 Bottled: June 12, 2020

Blend: 91% Cabernet Sauvignon  
 5% Petit Verdot  
 4% Malbec  
 Cases Produced: 2000

Barrel Aging: 22 months in  
 100% New French Oak  
 Alcohol: 14.9% Acidity: 6.1 g/L  
 pH: 3.76

## TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Titus Family Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon shows off the typical concentration and depth that is quintessential of the vines grown in the rocky soils at our Ehlers Lane Vineyard. The wine is dark with aromas of cassis, blueberry, roasted coffee, molasses and lifted floral notes. The body is dense and powerful on entry with purity displaying black raspberry, blueberry, and black currant flavors. The structure is focused with mouthcoating tannins that draw the wine through the palate. The finish is rich and lingering, accented by essences of cigar box, dark chocolate and espresso. Enjoy from 2029-2038.