

# 2021 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 valley's finest wines including Charles Krug, Beaulieu Vineyards and Cuvaion 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 mid-September harvest dates for the Cabernet Sauvignon 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 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested in the two-week period from September 11th - September 24th of 2021. After picking the fruit was gently destemmed and then pumped to tank. Fermentation occurred on the skins with macerations lasting 14-21 days, the wine was drained at the completion of fermentation. After draining the wine was racked to 50% new French and Hungarian Oak barrels for ageing. It was then racked quarterly for the first year before being racked to tank in April 2023 for bottling.

The Cabernet Sauvignon in the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon is primarily from the Titus Ranch Estate. This wine shows off the depth of flavor and lushness of tannins this site produces year after year.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus  
Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan  
Appellation: Napa Valley  
Harvest Date: September 2021  
Bottled: April 2022

Blend: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon  
7.5% Malbec  
7% Merlot  
5.5% Petit Verdot  
Cases Produced: 3830

Barrel Aging: 20 months in 50% New French & Hungarian Oak  
Alcohol: 14.8%  
Acidity: 5.4 g/L  
pH: 3.79

### TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is an exuberant example of the lush wines produced by our Titus Ranch Estate Vineyard. The wine leaps from the glass with notes of candied cherry, crushed raspberries, allspice, and a fresh bay note that lends the wine lift. The palate is open with purity on entry, it's knit together with beautiful acidity and fine-grained tannins. Chocolate covered blueberry, and polished red fruit lead to a lingering finish filled with crème Brûlée and roast coffee bean. Enjoy through 2036.