

TITUS



50 YEARS IN NAPA VALLEY

— ESTABLISHED 1969 —

GREEN PRACTICES AT TITUS

AN ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

Nearly all work in the vineyards is done by hand: pruning, suckering, training young vines, leafing, weed removal, green thinning, harvesting. The multiple passes through the vineyard ensures low intensity farming a high level of oversight, all of which results in optimal fruit quality, with minimal impact in the vineyard. A close eye is kept on the balance of soil health and plant vigor, sunlight and shade, canopy and clusters, air circulation and wind... with the aim of perfectly ripening approximately seven pounds per vine. Since Eric Titus joined the family business full time in 1997, he has applied his background in aquatic and environmental biology, and commercial science to the business and craft of grape growing. He redeveloped the vineyard and upgraded the farming techniques. His goal is to have as light a footprint in the vineyard as possible.

The concept and practice of ecological stewardship has evolved with winegrowing at Titus Vineyards.

- No Biocides are used for weeds or pests.
- Cover Crops are employed maintain soil health: clover, grasses, mustard and sweet pea.
- Composts are applied annually in a measured block by block, row by row manner – primarily on newer plantings.
- Bioswales are maintained for erosion and run-off control.
- Riparian set asides preserve a minimum 30' buffer between vines and riverbank – and river bank stabilization with willows and other natural succession continues.
- Annual removal of non-native species is conducted for ecological balance.
- Titus Vineyards are Certified Fish Friendly Farmers.

