

2021 MALBEC NAPA VALLEY

TITUS



SILVERADO TRAIL
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 mid-October harvest dates for the Malbec 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 Malbec was harvested from Stagecoach Vineyard on September 27th and October 9th of 2021. The fruit was gently destemmed and then pumped to tank. It was fermented on the skins for 10-14 days and then drained at the completion of alcoholic fermentation. After draining it was racked to 55% new French for ageing. It was then racked quarterly for the first year before being racked to tank in April for bottling.

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus
Winemaker: Stephen Cruzan
Appellation: Napa Valley
Harvest Date: Oct. 2021
Bottled: April 2023

Blend: 84% Malbec
10% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Petit Verdot
Cases Produced: 340

Barrel Aging: 20 months in 55% New French Oak
Alcohol: 14.5%
Acidity: 6.3 g/L
pH: 3.73

TASTING NOTES

The fruit forward brightness of the 2021 Titus Malbec is a delightful example of this essential variety and displays the depth possible in Napa Valley. The aromas are refined with pomegranate, exotic fruit, cherry soda, French plum, and baking spice notes that gather in the glass. Vibrant and juicy on entry the wine is joyous with fresh acidity and integrated tannins that lend a refreshing bright wine. Black raspberry tart, allspice and milk chocolate linger as the wine finishes smooth. Enjoy through 2034.