



## 2010 ANDRONICUS NAPA VALLEY

### *Vintage*

The 2010 vintage produced dark and concentrated wines despite the down production and cool summer. The season started with some late showers that affected flowering and caused some shatter in the grape clusters. The exceptionally cool and sometimes downright cold growing season had the most notable affect on the cooler growing areas of Napa Valley. Titus Vineyards benefited from the long, moderate growing season in our valley floor location. Our vineyard location is naturally warmer than others and the orientation of the vineyard had a surprising benefit during a late season heat spike. Many vineyards had aggressive canopy management at the time of this spike. Due to the long afternoon sun at Titus Vineyards aggressive leaf pulling has never been encouraged and saved the grapes on the vine from raisining. Yields were 30% down from a 'normal' year but the fruit was dark and flavorful.

### *Vineyard*

Our family vineyard, located on the valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail, possesses 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. The Cabernet Sauvignon vines vary in age. They were most recently planted between the years 1996 to 2001 and are a combination of the 337 and See clones. Further north, our Ehlers Lane Vineyard consists of a stony, dry streambed and a knoll composed of thin gravelly soil over hard volcanic ash. Planted entirely to Cabernet Sauvignon these infertile soils produce low yields of grapes with concentrated flavors.

### *Wine Profile*

Titus Andronicus is a generous, full-bodied Cabernet blend that over delivers ripe, red cherry and berry flavors and aromas. It is mouth-filling with heaps of dark fruit that is nicely balanced with well integrated barrel spice, subtle earth notes, chocolate, and supple tannins resulting in a beautifully complex red wine. It is too easy to finish of the bottle which has been crafted for you to enjoy now or over the next five years to seven years.

### *Technical Information*

Vineyard Manager: Eric Titus  
Winemaker: Phillip Titus  
Appellation: Napa Valley  
Blend: 53% Cabernet Sauvignon  
45% Merlot  
2% Cabernet Franc

Harvest Date: October 2010  
Barrel Aging: 24 months in oak  
20% French, 80% American  
Bottled: April 2011  
Cases Produced : 760  
Alcohol: 15.5%  
Total Acidity: .59 grams/100 ml  
pH: 3.85  
Release: February 2013