



## 2011 ANDRONICUS NAPA VALLEY

### *Vintage*

The 2011 growing season was cool from the onset. As a result of the challenging weather, flowering and fruit set promised a below average yield. The upper valley floor location of Titus Vineyards benefitted from longer growing degree days and better wind flow. The summer never heated up to any extremes but did offer opportunities to ripen the fruit with proper canopy management. Cooling trends towards harvest time created a perfect storm for moisture in Napa Valley and while creating possible botrytis issues for our neighbors, the Titus estate persevered with ever-present drying winds. While the quantity is dramatically down in 2011 the quality has proven to be high.

### *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 has a shimmering, deep purple to ruby appearance. The nose is pronounced and elegant. Aromas of Bing cherry, strawberry, plum, and dusty rose petals fill the glass. This full bodied wine over-delivers ripe fruit from the nose accompanied by darker notes of blueberry and blackberry. It is mouth-filling with heaps of dark fruit that is nicely balanced with well integrated barrel spice, cinnamon sticks, vanilla, 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	Harvest Date:	October 2011
Winemaker:	Phillip Titus	Barrel Aging:	18 months in oak
Appellation:	Napa Valley		20% French, 80% American
Blend:	45% Cabernet Sauvignon	Bottled:	April 2013
	36% Merlot	Cases Produced :	760
	15% Petit Verdot	Alcohol:	14.5%
	4% Zinfandel	Total Acidity:	.59 grams/100 ml
		pH:	3.85
		Release:	September 2013