

# COSENTINO

## THE WINERY

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### 2018 THE POET MERITAGE RED WINE NAPA VALLEY

*The first release of THE Poet was in 1988, and was inspired by the great red blends from Bordeaux. Our red Meritage predates the official formation of the Meritage Alliance.*

#### COMPOSITION

54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec

#### TASTING NOTES

Cunningly energetic and bold, this Bordeaux-style Meritage red blend reveals heady aromas of red cherry, dusty sage, blackberry and brioche on the nose. Ripe red and black fruits are accented on the palate with flavors of cocoa bean, baking spice and dried herbes de Provence. Firm tannins round out the well-structured palate, incorporating hints of minerality and oak spice on the lasting finish.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2018 vintage proved nearly ideal. Ample winter rains were followed by lots of spring and early summer sunshine. Bud break and flowering were slightly later than usual, but coincided with ideal weather conditions for healthy fruit set. Summer brought more balance in the form of sunshine and cooling marine influences at night. The mild summer was followed by an equally ideal fall; allowing fruit to ripen with ample flavor and complexity with moderate sugar levels. The very best classic Bordeaux grape varieties were sourced from prized Napa Valley vineyards. Picked at peak ripeness, each variety was crafted to its specific needs to enhance their strengths so that when artfully blended they form one singularly complete Meritage red blend.

#### WINEMAKING INFORMATION

**VINEYARD DETAILS:** Sourced from prized Napa Valley sites, including vineyards in Oakville, Diamond Mountain, Rutherford, St. Helena, Yountville and Pope Valley

**OAK AGING:** 18 months in French oak, 45% new

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% | **pH:** 3.59 | **TA:** 6.9 g/L | **RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 1.1 g/L

**PRODUCTION:** 1,387 cases

