

COSENTINO

THE WINERY

2018 THE NOVELIST WHITE MERITAGE NAPA VALLEY

COMPOSITION

77% Sauvignon Blanc, 23% Semillon

TASTING NOTES

This refreshing sipper exudes aromas of citrus zest, white flowers and cantaloupe melon on the nose. Vibrant and bright tangerine and pear flavors are well-balanced by the palate's elegant minerality. Honey, orange zest and lemon curd flavors mingle on the energetic palate.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2018 growing season was a bit of a roller-coaster with heavy winter rains leading to vigorous vine growth in spring. Bloom came early, in parallel with an eclectic range of springtime temperatures. Moderate early summer temperatures gave way to several heat waves throughout the summer and into fall, heightening the rate of ripening and flavor development in the grapes, and ushering in a slightly early harvest. Each lot was handpicked, crushed and pressed, then racked, blended and aged 11 months.

WINEMAKING INFORMATION

VINEYARD DETAILS: Sourced from select vineyards in the Calistoga and Carneros AVAs of Napa Valley

OAK AGING: 11 months

ALCOHOL: 13.5% | **pH:** 3.38 | **TA:** 6.9 g/L | **Residual Sugar:** 3.67 g/L

PRODUCTION: 584 cases

