



# COSENTINO

## THE WINERY

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### 2019 THE NOVELIST WHITE MERITAGE NAPA VALLEY

#### COMPOSITION

57% Semillon, 43% Sauvignon Blanc

#### TASTING NOTES

This refreshing sipper exudes aromas of citrus zest, orange blossom, honeysuckle and cantaloupe melon on the nose. The palate is lively with a cornucopia of fruit flavors and notes of minerality. Medium-bodied and plush on the palate, the finish is a cascade of pear, lemon, melon flavors.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

The year started out with ample rainfall which kept the soils moist and cool into spring. Summer was marked by warm, even daytime temperatures with few extreme heat spikes. The opportune weather conditions continued into late summer and fall. The harvest was of average volume, if not slightly below average and the fruit quality was exceptional; allowing us to craft wines with fresh acidity, texture, structure and finesse. Each lot was handpicked, crushed and pressed, then racked, blended and aged 11 months.

The first release of The Novelist in 1982 was inspired by the great and rare white wines from Bordeaux such as Château Haut-Brion Blanc and Château Carbonnieux. Our white Meritage predates the official formation of the Meritage Association.

#### WINEMAKING INFORMATION

**VINEYARD DETAILS:** Sourced from select vineyards in the Calistoga and St. Helena AVAs of Napa Valley

**AGING:** 11 months in stainless steel to retain fresh, fruit-driven flavors

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5% | **pH:** 3.38 | **TA:** 6.2 g/L | **Residual Sugar:** 5.4 g/L

**PRODUCTION:** 687 cases