

# COSENTINO

## THE WINERY

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### 2017 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

56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot

#### TASTING NOTES

Our elegant Bordeaux-style Meritage wine reveals a nose of both red and black fruits. Coffee, vanilla, and cocoa dusted raspberries are accented by scents of herbes de Provence. The palate is lush with bramble fruits and black cherry, dark chocolate and espresso bean flavors and the finish reveals firm tannins and refined oak spice.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

Selected from the best of the best Bordeaux varieties sourced from our Napa Valley vineyards, the fruit was picked at peak ripeness and crafted to each lot's specific style and strengths. The 2017 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.

#### WINEMAKING INFORMATION

**VINEYARD DETAILS:** Sourced from prized Napa Valley sites, including vineyards in Calistoga, Rutherford and Pope Valley

**OAK AGING:** 20 months in French oak, 50% new

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% | **pH:** 3.65 | **TA:** 6.3 g/L | **Residual Sugar:** 1.57 g/L

**PRODUCTION:** 1,361 cases

