



2016 THE NOVELIST, NAPA COUNTY

COMPOSITION

88% Sauvignon Blanc, 12% Semillon

TASTING NOTES

Citrus blossoms, cantaloupe melon and pear open on the nose of this aromatic wine. Youthful and bright tangerine citrus flavors are well-balanced by the palate's somewhat creamy notes and elegant minerality. Honey, orange zest and lemon curd flavors mingle in the zesty and expansive finish.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Each lot was handpicked, crushed and pressed, then racked and aged, *sur lies* for nine months prior to blending and bottling. 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

OAK AGING: 9 months, *sur lies*

VINEYARD DETAILS: Sourced from select vineyards in the Napa Valley

ALCOHOL: 13.8%

PRODUCTION: 472 CASES