

COSENTINO WINERY



2023 THE NOVELIST NAPA VALLEY WHITE WINE

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

VINTAGE

The 2023 growing season was the slowest start in the last decade. A rainy winter set the vines up for vigorous spring growth, a larger crop and a longer ripening season. Red and white varietals ripened simultaneously, leading to a late, compressed harvest. Although the crop loads were higher, quality was still excellent.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were picked at night in half ton macrobins and brought to the winery. They were whole cluster pressed to a stainless steel tank, then the juice went through a cold settling phase before primary fermentation. After primary fermentation, it went through malolactic fermentation and was aged 8 months in stainless steel tank prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose, aromas of fig, grapefruit, fresh flowers, lemon rind, and starburst entice the senses. The palate offers nice weight with flavors of peach, cantaloupe, and lemon curd on the long finish.

APELLATION Napa Valley

COMPOSITION 53% Sauvignon Blanc, 47% Semillon

AGING 8 months in stainless steel

ALCOHOL 14.5%

