



# COSENTINO

## THE WINERY

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### 2021 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

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Cabernet Franc, 17% Malbec, 4% Petit Verdot, 1% Merlot

#### TASTING NOTES

This beautiful wine opens with luscious notes of rich black and cool blue fruit notes. On the palate, hints of earthy cedar and leather are layered with spice notes and a soft touch of vanilla surrounded by blackberry, currant, raspberry, and blueberry. On the finish, notes of nutmeg, peppercorn & cinnamon showcase the acidity and layered tannins that makes this wine perfect for a wide array of grilled meats, pasta dishes and French stews. Age or drink now through 2030.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2021 growing season kicked off in January and February with plentiful, albeit short-lived, rainfall. The remainder of the season was dry with nearly no rainfall, which resulted in early budbreak, followed by early flowering, bloom and fruit set. Temperate spring and summer conditions of cool mornings and very warm days allowed for even veraison in July and continued ripening all the way to when we picked in September. The drought conditions created naturally lower yields resulting in intensely concentrated, flavorful berries and while less was produced overall, the wines bottled show excellent development.

#### WINEMAKING INFORMATION

**VINEYARD DETAILS:** Sourced from prized Napa Valley sites, including vineyards in Oakville.

**OAK AGING:** 18 months in French oak, 45% new

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% | **pH:** 3 | **TA:** 5.9 g/L | **RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 1.1 g/L

**PRODUCTION:** 1,500 cases