



2016 PURETY WHITE MERITAGE, NAPA VALLEY

BLEND:

60% SEMILLON AND 40% SAUVIGNON BLANC. SINGLE VINEYARD IN THE HILLS OF POPE VALLEY IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE NAPA VALLEY.

WINEMAKING:

BOTH THE SEMILLON AND THE SAUVIGNON BLANC ARE BARREL FERMENTED SEPARATELY IN SPECIALLY DESIGNED FRENCH OAK COOPERAGE MADE SPECIFICALLY FOR THESE VARIETALS. THESE LOTS WERE AGED FOR 16 MONTHS ON THE LEES AND STIRRED WEEKLY. THE FINAL BLEND WAS PUT TOGETHER JUST A COUPLE OF WEEKS BEFORE BOTTLING.

****NOTE** THERE WAS NO SECONDARY MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION INVOLVED!**

TASTING NOTES:

DESIGNED TO AGE! WE REFER TO THIS AS A "RED WINE DRINKERS, WHITE". VERY VERSATILE WITH FOODS OF MANY STYLES. INTRIGUING AROMAS OF HONEYED HERB TEA WITH SPICE, MINERALS, AND MELON, AND ACCENTED WITH A TRACE OF SALINITY, NOTES OF QUINCE, CLOVE AND WHITE FIG. ADD TO THAT THE COMPLEXITY, DEPTH AND TEXTURE THAT COMES FROM THE EXTENDED BARREL AGING WITHOUT WOODY, OAKY, OR TOASTY ELEMENTS.

SPECIAL NOTE: A PERFECT COMPLIMENT TO THE BORDEAUX STYLED RED WINES OF CABERNET, FRANC, MERLOT. THIS IS MODELED AFTER THE GREATEST WHITE, HAUT BRION BLANC. IT WAS BUILT TO AGE PERHAPS EVEN BETTER THAN MOST OF ITS RED COUNTERPARTS. DESIGNED AND MADE TO RELEASE AS IF IT WAS A RED WINE IN 2019.

THIS VINEYARD HAS A HISTORY OF LONG AGING WITH THOSE FROM THE MID 90'S STILL VIBRANT, RICH COMPLEX AND BALANCED TODAY! THE 2015 WAS NAMED "BEST AMERICAN WHITE WINE AT THE BEST WINES OF THE WORLD COMPETITION!"

WINEMAKER - MITCH COSENTINO

