

# Trefethen

## 2017 THE COWGIRL AND THE PILOT

### THE VINTAGE

Record-breaking winter rains filled our reservoirs and recharged the soil. Spring and early summer were warm, leading to very strong growth in the vines. The rest of the summer was more typical with warm days and cool nights, providing perfect conditions for the developing grapes. Our yields for the season were slightly lower than average and the resulting wines are classic—with complex flavors and our signature brightness on the palate.

### THE WINE

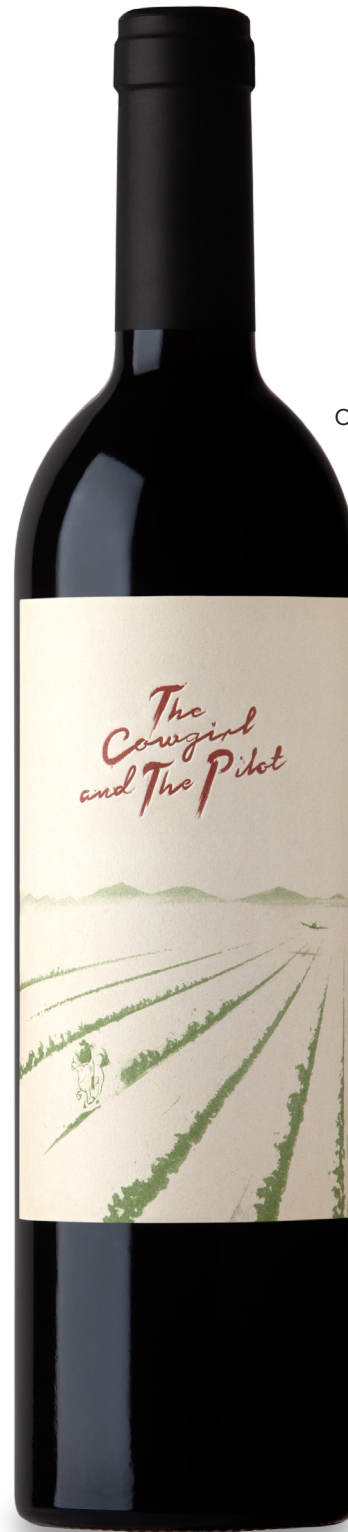
This Merlot opens with aromas of dark fruits and delicate floral notes. Flavors of dark cherry and plum fill the mouth, joined by undertones of cassis and cocoa. The elegant tannin structure lends weight and supports a lengthy finish.

### FOOD AFFINITIES

Winery Chef Chris Kennedy suggests pairing this Merlot with warm Shiitake mushrooms or roasted meats. For a unique pairing, try with our Bittersweet Chocolate Chili Pepper Truffle recipe.

### 93 POINTS

James Suckling, 2020



**VARIETAL**  
90% Merlot  
10% Cabernet Franc

**APPELLATION**  
Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

**ESTATE VINEYARD**  
100% Main Ranch

**HARVEST**  
September 15–October 7

**OAK**  
21 months, 68% new

**ALCOHOL**  
14.5%

