



Vintage

2015

Varietal

100% Chardonnay

Appellation

Oak Knoll District of
Napa Valley

Estate Vineyard

100% Main Ranch

Harvest

August 14–September 9

Oak

9 months in
(20% new) French

Barrel Fermentation

74%

Malolactic Fermentation

4%

Alcohol

13.5%



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The Vintage

With a warm spring, the vines got off to an early start. The weather turned cool during bloom, impacting fruit set and resulting in fewer grapes per cluster. The size of the crop was further reduced as the dry soils, from the lack of late rains, led to smaller grapes. Warm weather during the summer kept the vines running early, right into one of our earliest harvests ever. The resulting wines are fantastic as the smaller grapes and fine weather contributed to ideal ripeness with very concentrated flavors.

The Wine

The nose opens with bursts of orange blossoms and hints of lemon cream pie. The palate is full yet bright, offering a pleasant viscosity and subtle notes of kiwi. The clean finish adds an exclamation point with elegance.

Food Affinities

The perfect balance of body and acidity makes this an ideal food wine. It will shine with light dishes featuring shellfish, grilled fish, chicken or pasta with spring vegetables. Fresh tarragon as an accent herb works quite well.

90 POINTS (v. 2015)

"This is a medium to full-bodied, beautifully rendered Oak Knoll Chardonnay."
Robert Parker, *Wine Advocate* December 2016

91 POINTS (v. 2015)

Wine Enthusiast October 2017

TOP TEN WINES BY THE GLASS (v. 2015)

Wine & Spirits Restaurant Poll April 2017

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James Suckling March 2017

In 1979, Trefethen 1976 Chardonnay was named "Best Chardonnay in the World" at the Gault Millau World Wine Olympics in France, beginning our 30-year tradition of excellence with this most popular of white wines. Key to our success is our vineyard's location in the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley, where well-drained, loamy soils and a marine-influenced climate yield Chardonnay grapes with rich, balanced flavors.



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