



Vintage

2017

Varietal

100% Chardonnay

Appellation

Oak Knoll District of
Napa Valley

Estate Vineyard

100% Main Ranch

Harvest

August 23–September 13

Oak

9 months, 19% new

Barrel Fermentation

71%

Malolactic Fermentation

7%

Alcohol

13.4%



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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

A beautiful gold color illuminates the glass and aromas of lemon, honeysuckle and pear greet the nose. The fresh palate features more citrus flavors, as well as green apple, and a clean finish. The oak influence in this wine is subtle but important, adding a note of vanilla on the nose and a pleasant roundness on the palate. Another classic vintage of Trefethen Chardonnay!

Food Affinities

The clean flavors and bright acidity in this wine allow for wonderful food pairings. Ingredients such as almonds, hazelnuts, tarragon, thyme and lime zest work particularly well. Restrained use of mustard is also a good match. Serve with vegetables, seafood or lighter meats.

92 POINTS ~ FIRST PLACE (v. 2017)

California Grapevine March 2019

91 POINTS ~ GOLD (v. 2017)

Critics Challenge Int'l Wine & Spirits Competition June 2019

90 POINTS (v. 2017)

James Suckling May 2019

90 POINTS (v. 2016)

"Year's Best US Chardonnays"

Wine & Spirits October 2018

In 1979, Trefethen 1976 Chardonnay was named "Best Chardonnay in the World" at the Gault Millau World Wine Olympics in France, beginning a 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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