

Trefethen

2017 MERLOT

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.

THE WINE

Ripe plum, cherry, and red currant aromas are complemented by elegant undertones of bay leaf and cedar. An abundance of juicy red fruit flavors entice the palate with beautifully integrated layers of fresh herbs followed by cracked pepper and baking spice on the finish. Lush tannins and bright acidity make this a wine to enjoy now and for years to come.

FOOD AFFINITIES

Winery Chef Chris Kennedy pairs our Estate Merlot with duck, pheasant and grilled meats. The smokey, bold flavors these meats offer are characteristics this complex wine can stand up to. Chef suggests integrating clove or cracked black pepper in your dish to enhance the beautiful fresh spice notes in the wine.

GOLD

TEXSOM International Wine Awards February 2020

90 POINTS

Wine Enthusiast April 2020



VARIETAL

95% Merlot
5% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION

Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

ESTATE VINEYARD

100% Main Ranch

HARVEST

September 17–October 5

OAK

18 months, 44% new

ALCOHOL

14.2%

