

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.



VARIETAL

90% Merlot
10% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION

Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

ESTATE VINEYARD

100% Main Ranch

HARVEST

September 7–October 4

OAK

21 months, 68% new

ALCOHOL

14.5%

