

# Trefethen

2018

## THE COWGIRL AND THE PILOT

*Our Legacy Collection of wines honors the three generations of Trefethens who continue to inspire the estate. Each wine has a unique story, specific intention, and expressive personality. Together, these distinct wines reflect the very best of Trefethen Family Vineyards.*

In 1973, in a quiet agricultural valley north of San Francisco, a young navy veteran and a former California rodeo queen fell in love over a bottle of wine. Their love blossomed, and while she kept riding and he kept flying, together they built a winery and a family, helping to shape the Napa Valley and the American fine wine industry along the way.

Crafted from the finest lots of Merlot from our estate vineyards, this wine is a tribute to Napa pioneers Janet and John Trefethen.

### THE VINTAGE

Ample rainfall in the spring recharged the soil profile and provided a strong start to the growing season. The weather during the summer featured consistent warmth and sunshine without any major heat spells. Cooler than average temperatures in August and September slowed the ripening process, providing long hang time and leading to complex flavor development. October was mostly dry and warmer than usual, allowing us to pick each block at optimal ripeness. The harvest was complete before November and the start of an epic rainy season.

### THE WINE

Aromas of wild strawberry, raspberry, and cocoa are followed by hints of olive, leather, and black pepper. On the palate, the mouthwatering flavors are complex, with smooth tannins and generous fruit balanced by earthy undertones, all of which follow through to a plush and remarkably long finish.

### FOOD AFFINITIES

Our Legacy Merlot is a perfect pairing with umami and savory dishes. This wine doesn't overpower its mid-palate sensation, yet has enough texture to match cooked tomatoes, cured meats, and aged cheeses. Winery Chef Chris suggests pairing this wine with Eggplant Parmesan with Fresh Burrata.

### 94 POINTS

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### VARIETAL

79% Merlot  
11% Cabernet Franc  
10% Cabernet Sauvignon

### APPELLATION

Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

### ESTATE VINEYARD

100% Main Ranch

### HARVEST

September 14–October 22

### OAK

21 months, 57% new

### ALCOHOL

14.5%



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