

Trefethen

TASTING NOTES



2020 DRY RIESLING

This Dry Riesling is crisp and zesty, showing beautiful notes of lemon, lime, and spring flowers. The nose explodes with fresh aromas of lemongrass, ginger, and white pepper. It's balanced with refreshing acidity and an elegant finish.

BEST OF SHOW | BEST RIESLING

96 POINTS | PLATINUM

Critics Challenge Int'l Wine & Spirits Competition 2021

91 POINTS | GOLD

Sommeliers Choice Awards 2021

Varietal: 100% Riesling

Appellation: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Estate Vineyard: 100% Main Ranch

Harvest: August 24–29

Residual Sugar: 4.9 grams/L (Dry)

Alcohol: 12.0%



2019 CHARDONNAY

Aromas of pineapple, apple, and Meyer lemon are layered with orange peel and pear notes. It's full-bodied, structured, and balanced with fresh acidity. Nuances of crème brûlée and vanilla lead to a smooth and lengthy finish.

93 POINTS | GOLD

Critics Challenge Int'l Wine & Spirits Competition 2021

90 POINTS

Decanter World Wine Awards 2021

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Appellation: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Estate Vineyard: 100% Main Ranch

Harvest: August 28–September 23

Oak: 9 months, 18% new

Barrel Fermentation: 62%

Malolactic Fermentation: 14%

Alcohol: 13.2%



2018 MERLOT

Aromas of ripe raspberry and plum are layered with earthy spices of black pepper and tea leaves. Concentrated red fruit flavors are fresh and bright on the palate leading to expansive notes of spice and forest floor. The finish is well-rounded with balanced tannins and graceful acidity.

92 POINTS

Wine Enthusiast 2020

92 POINTS

Decanter World Wine Awards 2021

Varietal: 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Estate Vineyard: 100% Main Ranch

Harvest: September 17–October 23

Oak: 18 months, 37% new

Alcohol: 14.1%



2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Full-bodied and intense, this wine is balanced and well-structured with seamless acidity and firm tannins. This powerful wine is approachable and enjoyable now and will continue to evolve and show its personality over the next decade.

97 POINTS | BEST IN SHOW

Decanter World Wine Awards 2021

94 POINTS | GOLD

Sommeliers Choice Awards 2021

Varietal: 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit

Verdot, 3% Merlot, 2% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Franc

Appellation: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Estate Vineyard: 100% Main Ranch

Harvest: September 19–October 30

Oak: 18 months, 52% new

Alcohol: 14.2%



2018 DRAGON'S TOOTH

This wine opens with expressive aromas of cherry and blackberry accented with notes of fig, tobacco leaf, and sarsaparilla. Full-bodied and balanced, the integrated flavors of ripe dark fruit lead to a lush and abundant finish.

94 POINTS

James Suckling 2020

90 POINTS

Decanter World Wine Awards 2021

Varietal: 49% Malbec, 27% Petit Verdot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Estate Vineyard: 100% Main Ranch

Harvest: September 25–October 31

Oak: 18 months, 51% new

Alcohol: 14.6%



2019 ESHCOL RED

The wine opens with bold fruit-forward aromas of blackberry and dried cherry. On the palate, bright red fruit flavors give way to modest tannins and balanced acidity, making it very food-friendly and ready to pair with casual dinners at home.

NEWLY RELEASED

Varietal: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Franc

Appellation: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Estate Vineyard: 100% Main Ranch

Harvest: September 13–October 23

Oak: 16 months, 13% new

Alcohol: 14.3%

ABOUT TREFETHEN FAMILY VINEYARDS



One of Napa Valley's pioneering wineries, Trefethen Family Vineyards crafts distinguished estate grown wines that express the unique spirit of their land, vines, and people. The dedication of the Trefethen family is manifest in every aspect of the operation, from the soil to the table, including sustainable farming, thoughtful winemaking and gracious hospitality.

In 1968, when Eugene and Catherine Trefethen purchased farmland just north of the town of Napa, their property—like much of the valley at the time—contained orchards and hayfields in addition to vineyards. Demonstrating an uncanny vision for the future of the valley, they began to plant vineyards across the estate, focusing on the quality varietals that they enjoyed drinking, including a variety that was rather rare at the time: Chardonnay.

In 1973, Eugene and Catherine's son John Trefethen and his new bride Janet began making wines from the estate, breathing life back into a historic winery on the property. At the Gault Millau Wine Olympics, held in Paris in 1979, the 1976 Trefethen Chardonnay was declared "The Best Chardonnay in the World." John and Janet built on this early success, finding fans for other Trefethen wines—including Cabernet Sauvignon, Dry Riesling, and Merlot—and their wider efforts played a pivotal role in turning the Napa Valley into the world-class wine and food region it is today.

More recently, John and Janet's two children—Hailey and Lorenzo Trefethen—became the third generation of the family to steward the estate. Steadfast in their family's commitment to an ever deepening knowledge of their legendary Oak Knoll District vineyards, Hailey and Lorenzo help lead a team that thoughtfully refines their winemaking approach, vintage after vintage, building on a legacy of estate grown wines of remarkable quality and integrity.



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