

Trefethen

2019

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 and Cabernet Franc from our estate vineyards, this wine is a tribute to Napa pioneers Janet and John Trefethen.

THE VINTAGE

The dormant season was wet with much more rain than usual before the skies cleared in April, just in time for budbreak. The weather in May was surprisingly cool and rainy again, slowing down the vine growth, and serving as a harbinger of the roller-coaster growing season that followed. The summer months alternated between warmer and cooler than average but, thankfully, the daily high temperatures rarely exceeded 100F. September was warm and sunny, providing the perfect finish and all the grapes were in by mid-October.

THE WINE

Aromas of raspberry and plum followed by notes of eucalyptus, rose petals, black pepper and vanilla. On the palate, this rich wine features flavors of blackberry, currant, cherry cola and dark chocolate. The vibrant acidity is balanced by tenacious tannins which provide a long and powerful finish.

FOOD AFFINITIES

This Merlot is a perfect pairing with umami and savory dishes. The lush mid-palate makes for a wonderful match with cooked tomatoes, cured meats, and aged cheeses. Winery Chef Chris suggests pairing this wine with Eggplant Parmesan with Fresh Burrata.



VARIETAL
89% Merlot
11% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION
Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

ESTATE VINEYARD
100% Main Ranch

HARVEST
September 18–October 4

OAK
21 months, 59% new

ALCOHOL
14.5%



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