

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%



2020 CHARDONNAY

This wine has fresh and vibrant aromas of sliced green apple, white peach, and honeysuckle with integrated notes of baked apple and puff pastry on the palate. It is round, layered, and complex with a refreshing acidity that leads to a full and lengthy finish.

RECENTLY RELEASED

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Appellation: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Estate Vineyard: 100% Main Ranch

Harvest: August 15–September 3

Oak: 9 months, 12% new

Barrel Fermentation: 61%

Malolactic Fermentation: 4%

Alcohol: 13.2%



2019 MERLOT

Smooth and fresh, this wine opens with ripe raspberry, cherry, plum, and a touch of dark chocolate. On the palate, darker fruit flavors of black cherry and boysenberry emerge with layered herbal notes leading to a long, juicy finish.

RECENTLY RELEASED

Varietal: 84% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec

Appellation: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Estate Vineyard: 100% Main Ranch

Harvest: September 18–October 17

Oak: 18 months, 46% new

Alcohol: 14.1%



2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This wine opens with ripe red fruit, black pepper, and anise leading to notes of dried flowers, currants, and blackberries. Those flavors carry through on the full-bodied palate, which is supported by polished tannins and a lengthy finish. Though approachable now, this wine will continue to develop and evolve over the next decade.

RECENTLY RELEASED

Varietal: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot, 4% Malbec, 2% Merlot

Appellation: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Estate Vineyard: 100% Main Ranch

Harvest: September 18–October 21

Oak: 18 months, 50% new

Alcohol: 14.1%



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%



2017 HĀLO

Our most rare and beloved Cabernet Sauvignon leads with dark fruit aromas layered with integrated floral notes. This wine is fresh and supple on the palate with flavors of blueberry, blackberry, and red currant supported by dusty, fine-grained tannins and hints of cedar and sage. The elegant structure and balance culminate in an uplifting, lengthy finish.

95 POINTS

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine 2021

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Estate Vineyard: 100% Hillspring

Harvest: September 7–October 6

Oak: 30 months, 100% new

Alcohol: 14.8%

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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