

Trefethen

2021 KATIE'S ACRE CHARDONNAY

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.

When Gene and Catherine (Katie) Trefethen planted their first vines on the Main Ranch in 1968, Katie insisted that he keep a magnificent Paradox walnut tree, already over 100 years old. This wine, Katie's Acre Chardonnay, completes our Legacy Collection, and the grapes for it are sourced entirely from the special block of Chardonnay that surrounds the tree.

THE VINTAGE

The preceding winter, which marked our second consecutive drought year, featured the lowest rainfall total in our entire history, going back to 1968. The vines grew vigorously during the warm and dry spring as the vineyard team did an excellent job with early weed control and irrigation. The summer months, from June through September, were all cooler than average, which slowed down the ripening process and allowed for fantastic flavor development. The yields were lower than usual, given the drought conditions, but the resulting wines are all excellent and reflect our unique location in the Oak Knoll District at the cooler southern end of Napa Valley.

THE WINE

Aromas of stone fruits and tangerine are layered with hints of toasted brioche. This wine is bright on the palate with zesty flavors of grapefruit and key lime, balanced by hints of lemon meringue and pear.

FOOD AFFINITIES

Winery Chef Chris Kennedy recommends pairing this wine with fatty dishes, such as fish high in Omega-3 fatty acids, or creamed greens. Also consider ingredients like cheese, avocado, oil or butter, which will complement this wine's crisp nature.

VARIETAL
100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION
Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

ESTATE VINEYARD
100% Main Ranch

HARVEST
August 27

OAK
9 months, 25% new

BARREL FERMENTATION
100%

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION
0%

ALCOHOL
13.4%



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