

# Trefethen

## 2021 MERLOT

The dedication of the Trefethen family is manifest in every aspect of our operation, from the soil to the table, including sustainable farming, thoughtful winemaking, and gracious hospitality.

### 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

Rich aromas of plum and red cherry are softened by notes of lavender and sweet spices. On the palate, silky tannins carry the red fruit, leading to a lengthy and elegant finish.

### FOOD AFFINITIES

Try this wine with lean game meat, such as rabbit or quail. Sweet and umami ingredients, like cooked tomato, will complement its depth and spicy nature.



### VARIETAL

95% Merlot  
5% Malbec

### APPELLATION

Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

### ESTATE VINEYARD

100% Main Ranch

### HARVEST

September 13–October 8

### OAK

18 months, 50% new

### ALCOHOL

13.9%

