

## TASTING NOTES

# Trefethen



### 2023 DRY RIESLING

Refreshing aromas of lime zest and apple are layered with floral hints of jasmine and orange blossom. Bright on the palate, flavors of guava and peach are lively with notes of Granny Smith apple and citrus.

**Varietal:** 100% Riesling  
**Appellation:** Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley  
**Estate Vineyard:** 100% Main Ranch  
**Harvest:** September 13 - October 2  
**Residual Sugar:** 4.8 grams/L (Dry)  
**Alcohol:** 12%



### 2021 CHARDONNAY

This wine is crisp, with lovely aromas of lemon, jasmine, white peach and lavender. On the palate, the bright acidity is supported by flavors of honeydew melon and citrus, delivering a refreshing finish.

**93 POINTS** | Decanter 2023

**90 POINTS** | James Suckling

**Varietal:** 100% Chardonnay  
**Appellation:** Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley  
**Estate Vineyard:** 100% Main Ranch  
**Harvest:** August 12 - September 10  
**Oak:** 9 months, 9% new  
**Barrel Fermentation:** 62%  
**Malolactic Fermentation:** 4%  
**Alcohol:** 13.1%



### 2021 MERLOT

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.

**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%



### 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Dark fruit aromas of plum and black cherry are integrated with savory hints of cocoa, pepper and fragrant herbs. Bright on the palate, concentrated cherry flavors are layered with softer notes of vanilla and forest floor.

**92 POINTS** | James Suckling

**Varietal:** 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec, 6% Petit Verdot  
**Appellation:** Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley  
**Estate Vineyard:** 100% Main Ranch  
**Harvest:** September 15 - October 18  
**Oak:** 18 months, 53% new  
**Alcohol:** 13.9%



### 2020 DRAGON'S TOOTH

Rich aromas of Bing cherry and boysenberry are complemented by hints of vanilla and cinnamon. On the palate, flavors of cherry and raspberry, as well as earthy notes of sandalwood, lead to a long smooth finish.

**92 POINTS** | James Suckling

**90 POINTS** | Jeb Dunnuck

**Varietal:** 53% Malbec, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot  
**Appellation:** Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley  
**Estate Vineyard:** 100% Main Ranch  
**Harvest:** September 10 - October 1  
**Oak:** 18 months, 51% new  
**Alcohol:** 14.3%



### 2019 HĀLO

Concentrated aromas of Bing cherry, plum and blackberry are layered with earthy notes of molasses and tobacco. Rich flavors of plum and berry carry through on the palate and are enhanced by hints of black pepper, leading to a long and powerful finish.

**Varietal:** 97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec

**Appellation:** Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

**Estate Vineyard:** 100% Hillspring

**Harvest:** September 24 - October 16

**Oak:** 30 months in 100% new French

**Alcohol:** 14.8%



### 2021 ESHCOL RED

Aromas of raspberry and bing cherry are complemented by notes of leather and licorice. On the palate, dark fruit flavors are brightened by hints of black pepper, leading to a balanced, smooth finish.

**Varietal:** 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Malbec, 12% Merlot, 12% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc

**Appellation:** Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

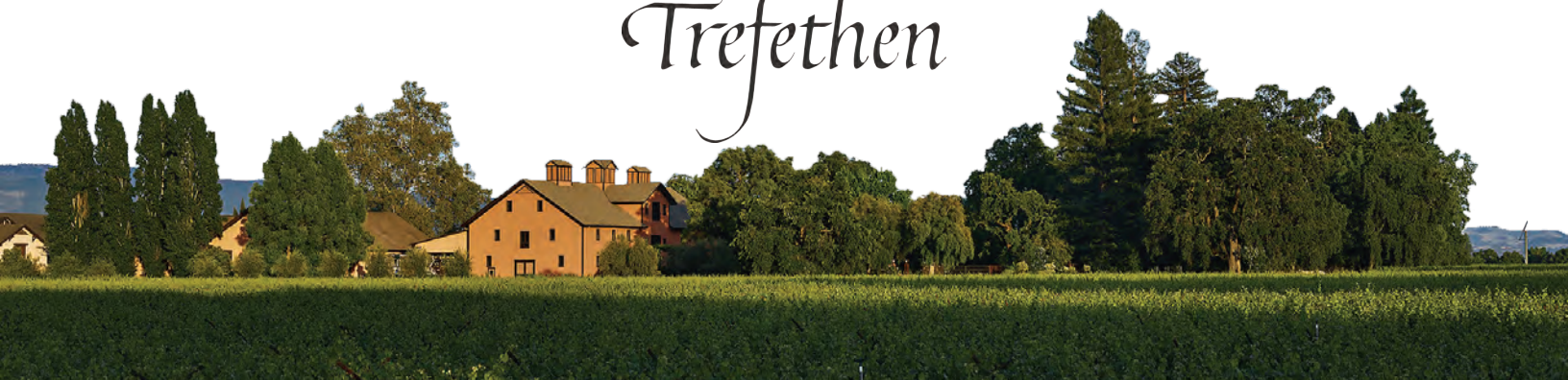
**Estate Vineyard:** 100% Main Ranch

**Harvest:** September 11 - October 19

**Oak:** 14 months, 10% new

**Alcohol:** 14.3%

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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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