

# 2022 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Originally planted in 1968, with our first vintage released in 1974, Cabernet Sauvignon has been a defining part of our estate from the very beginning. Long before that, Cabernet grown in this very soil had already earned international acclaim, most notably when Eshcol Ranch Cabernet took first place at the 1889 World's Fair, helping to establish Napa Valley as a world-class Cabernet region.

For more than 50 years, we have remained committed to crafting Cabernet in the same intentional style: balanced, elegant, age-worthy, and expressive of place rather than power.

## THE VINTAGE

As the winter rains had arrived early and stopped early, and soils were already quite dry when the vines began growing in the spring. We responded with early irrigation and the vines thrived throughout a very mild summer. The warm sunny days and cool evenings, reflecting our unique location in the Oak Knoll District of the Napa Valley, were perfect for ripening the grapes. The weather took a turn in September, with a significant heat spell followed by early rains, keeping us on our toes. We are delighted with the character of this vintage, which features the classic Trefethen brightness on the palate.

## THE WINE

Aromas of California bay leaf, dark plum, and cherry mingle with subtle hints of molasses and clove. On the palate, bright acidity brings energy to notes of raspberry and plum skin, supported by moderate tannins and a lively, balanced finish.

## FOOD AFFINITIES

This wine pairs well with fatty dishes, which will highlight its fine-grained tannins and herbal notes. Winery Chef Chris Kennedy recommends fire roasted dishes and grilled or braised red meats.

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### VARIETAL

91% Cabernet Sauvignon  
9% Petit Verdot

### HARVEST

September 8-October 7

### GRAPE SUGAR

23.8° Brix

### APPELLATION

Oak Knoll District  
of Napa Valley

### OAK

18 months, 46%  
new

### WINE pH

3.74

### ESTATE VINEYARD

100% Main Ranch

### ALCOHOL

13.8%

### WINE ACID

6.0 g/L

### 93 POINTS

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Trefethen

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