



2021

THE COWGIRL AND THE PILOT

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.

In 1973, in a quiet agricultural valley north of San Francisco, a young navy veteran and a former California rodeo queen fell in love over a bottle of wine. Their love blossomed, and while she kept riding and he kept flying, together they built a winery and a family, helping to shape the Napa Valley and the American fine wine industry along the way.

Crafted from the finest lots from our estate vineyards, this wine is a tribute to Napa pioneers Janet and John Trefethen.

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 black cherry and dried fig are followed by notes of graphite and bay leaf while the palate is rich with dark cocoa, cracked black pepper and dried berry. This wine opens with bright acidity, balanced with subtle tannins and a vibrant mouthfeel.

FOOD AFFINITIES

This wine is a perfect pairing with umami and savory dishes. The lush mid-palate makes for a wonderful match with cooked tomatoes, cured meats, and aged cheeses. Winery Chef Chris suggests a wonderful Eggplant Parmesan with fresh burrata.

VARIETAL

68% Merlot
27% Cabernet Franc
3% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Malbec

APPELLATION

Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

ESTATE VINEYARD

100% Main Ranch

HARVEST

September 11–October 2

OAK

21 months, 59% new

ALCOHOL

14.1%



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