

# TASTING NOTES

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Wine & Producer: trefethen merlot

Vintage & Region: 2004 – oak knoll napa valley california

<b>Appearance</b>	
Clarity:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bright <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> clear <input type="checkbox"/> dull <input type="checkbox"/> hazy <input type="checkbox"/> faulty: _____
Intensity:	<input type="checkbox"/> water-white <input type="checkbox"/> pale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> medium <input type="checkbox"/> deep <input type="checkbox"/> opaque
Color:	<input type="checkbox"/> lemon-green <input type="checkbox"/> lemon <input type="checkbox"/> gold <input type="checkbox"/> amber <input type="checkbox"/> brown <input type="checkbox"/> pink <input type="checkbox"/> salmon <input type="checkbox"/> orange <input type="checkbox"/> onion-skin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> purple <input type="checkbox"/> ruby <input type="checkbox"/> garnet <input type="checkbox"/> tawny <input type="checkbox"/> brown
Other:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tears <input type="checkbox"/> deposit <input type="checkbox"/> pétillance <input type="checkbox"/> highlights/rim: all the way to the rim
<b>Nose</b>	
Condition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> clean <input type="checkbox"/> unclean: _____
Intensity:	<input type="checkbox"/> light <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> medium ( + ) <input type="checkbox"/> pronounced
Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> youthful <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> developing <input type="checkbox"/> fully developed <input type="checkbox"/> past <input type="checkbox"/> deliberate oxidation
Aromas:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fruit: raspberries, strawberries, blueberries – round, soft, mouth-watering fruits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> floral: floral quality reminding me of violets and hints of roses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> spice & vegetal: sweet spice, vanilla, coconut <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: savoury
<b>Palate</b>	
Sweetness:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dry <input type="checkbox"/> off <input type="checkbox"/> medium-dry <input type="checkbox"/> medium <input type="checkbox"/> medium-sweet <input type="checkbox"/> sweet <input type="checkbox"/> luscious
Acidity:	<input type="checkbox"/> low <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> medium ( ) <input type="checkbox"/> high
Tannin:	<input type="checkbox"/> low <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> medium ( ) <input type="checkbox"/> high <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ripe <input type="checkbox"/> unripe <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fine <input type="checkbox"/> coarse – very fine & smooth
Alcohol:	<input type="checkbox"/> low <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> medium ( + ) <input type="checkbox"/> high <input type="checkbox"/> fortified ( )
Body:	<input type="checkbox"/> low <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> medium ( + ) <input type="checkbox"/> full
Intensity:	<input type="checkbox"/> light <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> medium ( + ) <input type="checkbox"/> pronounced
Flavours:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fruit: raspberries, blueberries, redcurrants, hints of black currants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> floral: violets, roses, floral <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> spice & vegetal: cloves, vanilla, toast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: savoury, mouth-watering, delicious
Other:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> texture: mouth-coating, savoury, rich, elegant <input type="checkbox"/> balance:
Length:	<input type="checkbox"/> short <input type="checkbox"/> medium ( ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> long
<b>Conclusion</b>	
Quality:	<input type="checkbox"/> faulty <input type="checkbox"/> poor <input type="checkbox"/> acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> very good <input type="checkbox"/> outstanding
Reasons & Theme:	balance – concentration – complexity – length  mid-level wine – excellent balance, complexity, and length. savoury, from excellent ripe fruit and wine making. high quality and excellent structure to age well and develop excellent characteristics
Readiness:	<input type="checkbox"/> needs time ( ) <input type="checkbox"/> ready but can age ( 6-7 years ) <input type="checkbox"/> at peak <input type="checkbox"/> declining <input type="checkbox"/> past