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In 2015 he became the first trainer in 37 years to condition a Triple Crown winner when his American Pharoah tallied victories in the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes. In all, Baffert has 14 victories in Triple Crown races: five Kentucky Derbys, seven Preaknesses and two Belmonts. American Pharoah was the fourth Baffert trainee to move on to the Belmont Stakes with a shot at the Triple Crown following Silver Charm (1997), Real Quiet (1998) and War Emblem (2002). Justify became his fifth when he swept the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve and Preakness Stakes in 2018.

Baffert finished second in all three Triple Crown races in 2012 with Bodemeister and Paynter. In 2014, Baffert trained classic hopeful Bayern, went on to win the Breeders' Cup Classic and was a Horse of the Year finalist. Baffert backed that up with a win by American Pharoah in the 2015 Classic.

He has won the Eclipse Award as outstanding trainer four times, most recently in 2015, has developed 11 horses that have won 15 Eclipse Awards as division champions, and was the national leader in purse earnings four consecutive years, 1998-2001. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 2009, and three of his stars, Silver Charm, Silverbulletday and Point Given, have been inducted, too.

In 2016, Baffert picked up his 13th Breeders' Cup win with Drefong, who took the Sentient Jet Sprint for new owner Charles Chu, before winning the Breeders' Cup Classic for the third straight year when Arrogate outfinished champion California Chrome to win the \$6 million. With 14 career Breeders' Cup wins, Baffert trails only D. Wayne Lukas (20).