

NEIGHBORHOOD WINERY | 2019 RED WINE BLEND 'SWELL'

ABOUT OUR 'SWELL' RED WINE BLEND

Our 'Swell' is a red wine blend made each year, inspired by the red wine blends famously produced in the Bordeaux region of France. Depending on each harvest and growing season, the exact composition of our blend changes, but it is always built on a foundation of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Each grape variety was fermented and aged separately in small lots before blended together. After 5 days of cold soaking with intermittent punch-downs and pump-overs, we started the fermentation process with a few punch-downs each day. As the fermentation hit its peak activity and highest temperatures, we punched-down up to 4 times each day with additional pump-overs when necessary. As the fermentation finished, so did the actions we performed until completed. Lastly, we drained and pressed the wine into new and once used French oak barrels. Each grape variety was fermented and aged separately in small lots before blended together. This blend was aged for 420 days in 20% new French oak barrel and 80% neutral French oak barrel.

WINEMAKER NOTES

This Merlot-forward vintage is intensely fruity and deep with layers of red and black fruits held together with a grippy graphite-earth core.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- **FARMING :** Sustainable
- **ABV :** 15.0%
- **AVA :** Central Coast
- **VARIETALS :** 50% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Petit Verdot
- **PRODUCTION :** 440 Cases
- **FIRST VINTAGE :** 2010
- **ACCOLADE(S) :** 91 points, Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD WINERY

To introduce creative, playful natural wines.

Neighborhood Winery specializes in interesting, zippy, fun cuvées—both daring and traditional—that push the boundaries of conventional wine flavor profiles. The brand focuses on natural winemaking practices, refraining from including any additives, chemicals, or applying conventional winemaking tools, and spotlights the fresh Central California-grown grapes. The grapes are intentionally harvested early in the season, producing youthful and lively wines with whimsical textures and a fresh essence. Neighborhood Winery's rainbow of varietals and crafted blends are truly alive, intended for each bottle to uniquely evolve.

