## NEIGHBORHOOD WINERY

## Rhône Style White Wine Blend 'White Cap' Nº <sup>2020</sup>

**About White Cap :** White Cap is a blend of white grape varieties that draws inspiration from the wines made in the Rhône region of France. The main grape varieties used in this region are Roussanne, Marsanne, and Grenache Blanc. Roussanne is known for its floral and herbal aromas, as well as flavors of honey and pear. Marsanne adds depth and richness to the blend with its nutty and creamy characteristics, while Grenache Blanc provides fresh acidity and bright citrus and stone fruit flavors.

To honor this winemaking tradition, we source the same grape varieties from some of our favorite vineyards on the Central Coast of California. The Marsanne and Roussanne are sourced from Camp 4 Vineyard in the Santa Ynez Valley, which is owned by the Chumash Tribe and is known for producing high-quality Rhône grape varieties. The Grenache Blanc is grown on Morrow View Vineyard, which is situated on a hilltop overlooking the Edna Valley and the Pacific Ocean. The cool coastal climate and unique soils of the region make it an ideal location for growing Grenache Blanc.

We also decided to add Viognier to the blend, a practice commonly done in the Northern Rhône Valley, for its rich, floral component. The Viognier is sourced from old vines at Zaca Mesa Vineyard in the Santa Ynez Valley, which were planted in the 1970s. Overall, White Cap is a unique blend of Central Coast grapes that pays homage to the winemaking traditions of the Southern and Northern Rhône regions.

The final blend is 60% Grenache Blanc, 25% Viognier, 10% Marsanne, and 5% Roussanne.

**Tasting Notes :** White Cap is a golden yellow hue with greenish hints. The nose features a complex blend of peach, apricot, honey, lemon, lime, white flowers, vanilla, and a subtle nuttiness. On the palate, the wine is medium to full-bodied with a moderate acidity, revealing flavors of stone fruit, citrus, honey, and white flowers with a hint of minerality. The wine has a unique slightly oily or waxy texture, characteristic of the blend of grape varieties used.\

**ABV :** 12.5%

AVA : Central Coast

Total Production: 285 cases

