

# NEIGHBORHOOD WINERY

## 2018 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 Bordeaux region in 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 for this blend was hand-picked and immediately destemmed following harvest. 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 a combination of new French oak and one year old French oak barrels.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Rich aromas of luscious blackberry jam, black licorice, and mocha. Toasted oak and candied black cherry against a chalky texture.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- **VINEYARD(S)**: Texas Road, Giffs, and Morgantini Vineyards
- **FARMING**: Sustainable and Organic
- **ABV**: 14.5%
- **AVA**: Central Coast
- **VARIETALS**: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc
- **PRODUCTION**: 460 Cases
- **FIRST VINTAGE**: 2010

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**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.

