

The Buoy Red

2017

Blend:

80% Nebbiolo
20% Petite Sirah

Alcohol: 14% abv TA: 5.55 g/L pH: 4.11

Case Production: 243 cases

Date Bottled: 4/30/19

Grape Source(s):

Nebbiolo - Olof Vineyard, Lake County, CA
Petite Sirah - Bartolucci Vineyard, Red Hills Lake County, CA

Aging: 17 months in oak barrels
100% Neutral

Winemaker Notes: A The 2017 harvest in Lake County began slightly later than normal and was still in full swing in early October, with a few final picks happening late into the month. Both our Nebbiolo and Petite Sirah were picked late into the cooler days of October - this extended hang time allowed for concentrated flavors. Before we finished blending for the season, we were approached by the charity organization, Buoy Local, and asked to come up with a fun red blend to help support the community. Since this was the first we have worked with the Nebbiolo grape, we thought our small experimental lot would be the perfect base for this wine. Nebbiolo, by nature is high in tannin, bright in fruit, and low in pigment. To this, we blended our inky, rich, and flavorful Petite Sirah for added depth. We chose to age this wine in 100% neutral barrels to allow for full fruit expression.

Buoy Local and Cellardoor Winery are proud to partner to buoy our community. For each bottle sold, one dollar will be donated to Midcoast Habitat for Humanity.

Tasting Notes: With the perfect dichotomy of delicate fruit and bold tannin, our Nebbiolo is a classic interpretation of the famed wines of northern Italy.

Awards:

Gold - 2019 San Francisco International Wine Competition (93 points)

Pairing Suggestions:

- Meat Ragu
- Pasta Puttanesca
- Truffle Fries
- Cheese: Manchego, Pecorino, Feta

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