This elegant Cabernet Sauvignon was crafted entirely on our Matchbook Estate in the Dunnigan Hills of California. Every step from vine to bottle was done on our home turf and under the watchful eye of the Giguiere family and our winemakers.

The 2016 is a classic Cabernet that showcases the quality and potential of both the Matchbook Vineyards and the Dunnigan Hills AVA. The 2016 Matchbook Cabernet Sauvignon joins our Old Head Chardonnay, Syrah and Rosé of Tempranillo in our Estate Bottled line-up. Few wineries attain the prestigious Estate Bottled designation due to the time and resources required. At Matchbook, we have always been and continue to be focused on innovation, sustainability and, most importantly, quality.
Matchbook Estate Vineyards & Dunnigan Hills
Geography & Climate:
Just East of Napa, the Dunnigan Hills are a group of low rolling hills about 20 miles long, running in a northwest to southeasterly direction. At the widest point, Dunnigan Hills spans 10 miles. The soils are predominantly gravel, well drained and gently sloping. The Dunnigan Hills AVA is warmer in both summer and winter, making it less prone to frost damage. The hills provide excellent air flow making Dunnigan Hills cooler than the surrounding areas.

Matchbook Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Vineyards:
Designed, planted and farmed specifically for the Dunnigan Hills climate and soils, the Matchbook Estate Vineyards produce fruit of exceptional quality providing the foundation for our award winning wines.

- The Dunnigan Hills’ climate favors early bud break and a long growing season for full flavor development.
- The Matchbook soils are predominantly gravel – great for optimum vine balance and flavor concentration.
- We use a mix of Cabernet Sauvignon clones to create structured wines with layered flavors.
  - Clone 7 – From Napa Valley, an older clone known for consistently producing high-end wines.
  - Clone 337 – The new darling of Cabernet clones is known for its deep, rich flavors:
  - Clone 15 - Provides structure and depth.
  - Heritage Clones - Our new vineyards include a mix of heritage clones from Napa Valley.
- We extensively experiment with new trellising systems to produce smaller clusters and berries with intense color and varietal flavors.
- We use deficit irrigation to improve flavors and color intensity, conserve water and create an ideal growing environment for the vines.
- We sustainably farm our vineyards to preserve our land for future generations of people and wildlife.

Matchbook Estate Winery
We harvest the Cabernet Sauvignon in the cool early mornings and deliver the fruit from our estate vineyards to the winery in less than 30 minutes. Our winery is specifically designed to quickly process the fruit and begin fermentation. We ferment and age vineyard lots separately and then blend them to craft delicious wines with great structure and layered flavors.

2016 Matchbook Cabernet Sauvignon displays a deep ruby color and offers aromas of tobacco, dark fruit, clove, violet and mocha. Rich, juicy, mouth-filling flavors of black cherry, blueberries and cassis are followed by a lovely, lingering finish with firm and chocolatey tannins.