

# TINTO REY

2015  
VERDEJO



**BLEND:** 100% Verdejo

**VINEYARDS:**

Matchbook Vineyards, Estate Bottled

**FERMENTATION:**

100% barrel fermentation

**BARREL AGING:**

8 months in French neutral barrels

**APPELLATION:** Dunnigan Hills

**FARMING:** Hand harvested

**TA:** .59 **PH:** 3.5

**ALCOHOL:** 13.9%

**PRODUCTION:** 350 cases

## WINE

We source this Spanish white from a tiny half-acre vineyard that was planted at the entrance to our winery site in 2012. The 2015 Verdejo exhibits all the varietal characteristics of stone fruit, pear and a flinty minerality. The unique step of barrel aging adds flavors of white peach, honey, pineapple and a nice viscosity to the mouthfeel. This luscious wine will pair well with grilled prawns, fresh oysters or a nice plate of manchego cheese.

## STORY

Tinto Rey is the name of our Spanish-centric wine brand. The Dunnigan Hills appellation is uniquely suited for grapes that thrive in a Mediterranean climate. Warm days, gravelly soil, little rainfall; these are ideal conditions for Tempranillo, Tannat, Graciano and Verdejo. The spicy, full-flavored Tinto Rey wines truly showcase the distinctive terroir of our vineyards.

## CELLAR

We picked our Verdejo by hand at sunrise on August 10th, 2015 in California's Dunnigan Hills, then sent the grapes through a whole-cluster press. The wine was barrel-fermented, then aged eight months in neutral barrels of French origin. We stirred the lees during the aging process to enhance the wine's richness. Here in the US, Verdejo is hard to come by, but we grow this Spanish varietal in the Dunnigan Hills due to its stellar history with torrid summers and dry soils.

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