WINEMAKERS NOTES

The 2015 Arsonist Red Blend is a dark ruby in the glass. Aromas of violets, blackberry and caramel intermingle with toasty oak and vanilla on the nose. Sweet wild berry fruit flavors on the entry, dry as the wine progresses across the palate. An opulent and luscious wine with the essence of dried blueberries and juicy plum that seamlessly transition to a lengthy finish with hints of dark chocolate and truffle tannins. The Arsonist 2015 Red Blend is a towering affirmation that we all must sometimes play with fire. Pair this layered and complex Red Blend with a Filet Mignon, slow-roasted Osso Buco or peppercorn-crusted New York strip steak.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Petit Verdot (53%): The backbone of The Arsonist Red Blend, this thick-skinned grape yields concentrated, tannic wines with lots of color. Aged properly, Petit Verdot rounds out to develop rich, thick, full-structured wines. The Petit Verdot for this blend is from our Matchbook Estate Vineyards in the Dunnigan Hills.

Malbec (28%): This deeply colored grape contributes inky dark color, tannins and flavors of plum and dark chocolate to the blend. The Malbec in the 2015 Arsonist Red Blend adds to the richness of the mid-palate and is from our Matchbook Estate Vineyards in the Dunnigan Hill.

Cabernet Sauvignon (19%): Drawn primarily from Alexander Valley, the Cabernet Sauvignon adds length and depth to The Arsonist Red Blend. Due to its thick skin, Cabernet Sauvignon develops deep blue hues of black fruit with big tannins that allow the blend to develop and age well over the years.