



## An Earthy, Spicy Rhone Varietal 2014 Matchbook Syrah

### THE WINE

The 2014 vintage is our first Estate Bottling for the Matchbook Syrah. It was crafted entirely from our Matchbook estate vineyards and winery. This native Rhone varietal offers earthy aromas of leather and plum and delivers flavors of black cherry, blueberry, dried fruit and truffles on the palate. This age-worthy Syrah has great acidity and a flavorful and lingering finish. Pair with beef short ribs, game dishes or a venison burger.

### THE STORY

East of Napa, Left of Center: The Giguiere family embodies Dunnigan Hills winemaking. In 1981 they pioneered grape-growing in this region when they planted their very first vineyard. By 1993 they'd succeeded in making the Dunnigan Hills a nationally recognized American appellation. The Matchbook flame is an homage to the Giguiere brothers' youthful fascination with fire. Today Matchbook Wine Company produces over 15 wines showcasing the varietals that perform best in our warm, dry climate.

### THE CELLAR

The grapes were gently crushed just 20 minutes after being harvested and then fermented in small temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. We used a combination of specially selected yeast and native yeast to enhance color and flavor extraction without harsh tannins. We pumped the tanks over twice a day until nearly dry, then pressed and aged the wine in a combination of French and American oak barrels for 20 months. Only the best barrel lots were chosen for our Estate Bottled Syrah. This complex and layered Dunnigan Hills wine is a blend of 77% Syrah and 23% Petite Sirah.

