WINEMAKERS NOTES
The 2016 Arsonist Red Blend has expansive aromas of violet, rose petal, saddle leather and orange peel. Broad flavors of blackberry, plum and cassis fill the palate; a hint of dark chocolate and baking spice adds complexity to the blend. Firm, but refined tannins add good structure and long, silky finish. Power and grace in a bottle! Pair this layered and complex Red Blend with lamb chops, slow-roasted Osso Buco or a tomahawk ribeye.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION
Petit Verdot (52%): 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 (26%): This deeply colored grape contributes inky dark color, tannins and flavors of plum and dark chocolate to the blend. The Malbec in the 2016 Arsonist Red Blend adds to the richness of the mid-palate and is from our Matchbook Estate Vineyards in the Dunnigan Hills.

Cabernet Sauvignon (22%): A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon grown in Chalk Hill, Alexander Valley and the Dunnigan Hills 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.

BARRELS
Blended and aged 24 months in a combination of French, American and European/American hybrid barrels, approximately 30% of which are new:
- Carpathian oak from Giraud Cooperage and Trust Cooperage
- American oak from Cooperage 1912 “Profile Series”
- Demptos hybrid American and European
- French oak from Giraud Cooperage

BLEND
52% Petit Verdot
26% Malbec
22% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION California
TA: 5.65 g/L   pH: 4.1   ALC: 13.9%
PRODUCTION: 22,000 cases