2015 Matchbook Estate Bottled Syrah

THE WINE
The 2015 Matchbook is a typical Dunnigan Hills Syrah full of earthy, dusty, dried cranberry aromas and richly layered flavors of plum and spice, white pepper and blueberry. The broad flavors linger in the finish. This is an age-worthy Syrah with a decent grip of tannins that balance the plush, silky flavors in the palate. Pair this with beef short ribs, game dishes or grilled lamb chops.

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 83% Syrah and 17% Petite Sirah.

BLEND:
83% Syrah
17% Petite Sirah

VINEYARDS:
Matchbook Vineyards, Dunnigan Hills

BARRELS:
World Cooperage
American Oak profile 33, 37, 106
Traditional
Cotes Du Rhone French Oak

MATCHBOOK
CHEMISTRY:
TA: 6.38 g/L  pH: 3.98
Alcohol: 13.9%
Production: 3,000 cases

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