APPELLATION:
Dunnigan Hills

VINEYARDS:
Matchbook Vineyards, Estate Grown

BLEND:
64% Tempranillo | 20% Graciano
11% Tannat | 5% Petit Verdot

BARREL AGING:
100% Barrel Aged, 30 months
French: Giraud
European: Tonnellerie Nacional
American: World Cooperages

TA: 6.13 g/L  PH: 3.96

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

PRODUCTION: 1,880 cases

THE WINE
The famed Tinta de Toro Tempranillo clone is the foundation of our 2016 Super Tinto Red Blend. This clone from the warm Toro region of Spain thrives in our Dunnigan Hills vineyard, retaining an old-world elegance with a California flare. Deep aromas of saddle leather, oak spice and cigar box lead to layered flavors of boysenberry, dark cherry, vanilla and plum. The bold tannins are balanced by a richness on the mid-palate making this an approachable red. We chose the most flavorful lots of Estate Grown Tempranillo, Graciano, Tannat and Petit Verdot to create a unique blend that is lush and complex. Serve Super Tinto with grilled lamb chops, porterhouse pork chops or a sizzling steak.

THE STORY
Born in Spain. Raised in California. Tinto Rey means Red King and is the name of our Spanish-centric wines. The Dunnigan Hills appellation is uniquely suited for Spanish grape varietals, like Tempranillo, that thrive in a Mediterranean climate. Warm days, gravelly soil, little rainfall are ideal conditions for Tempranillo, Tannat, Graciano and Verdejo. The distinctive, full-flavored Tinto Rey wines truly showcase the unique terroir of our estate vineyards.

THE CELLAR
The Estate grown grapes were gently crushed within 20 minutes of harvest and fermented in small temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. The must was fermented with a special batch of yeast cocktails that our winemakers use to enhance color and flavor extraction without harsh tannins. A portion of the Tinta de Toro Tempranillo (86%) was pumped over Tannat skins (delestage) twice a day until nearly dry to add weight and a firm structure. 10% of the Tempranillo underwent carbonic maceration to intensify the beautiful aromatics. The wine was then pressed and aged in a combination of French and American oak barrels for 30 months. The best barrel lots were chosen for this limited bottling to create a wine that is both powerful and refined.

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