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2020

MATCHBOOK

Estate Bottled

RED GRAVEL
CABERNET
SAUVIGNON



Blend: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon | 13% Petit Verdot | 8% Malbec | 2% Petite Sirah

Appellation: Dunnigan Hills

Barrels: Demptos – American/Hungarian hybrid |
World Cooperages – American | Giraud – French and American |
TN Coopers – European and American

TA: 5.68 g/L **pH:** 3.96 **Alcohol:** 13.9% **Production:** 32,000

THE WINE

Our 2020 Matchbook Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted from grapes grown on the red gravel soils in our Dunnigan Hills vineyard. The wine opens with classic Cabernet aromas of chocolate, tobacco, violets and leather. Plush flavors of blackberry, black cherry and mocha are backed with sweet oak and vanilla. The juicy texture is mouth filling and mingles with the fine, dusty tannins in the finish. This full-bodied Cabernet has the substance to pair with the big flavors of a sizzling New York steak and is priced to open for a combo pizza.

THE STORY

East of Napa, Left of Center: The Giguere 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 Giguere 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 estate grown grapes were gently crushed and fermented in small temperature controlled stainless-steel tanks. A portion of the Cabernet grapes were co-fermented with Petite Sirah and another with Petit Verdot to intensify texture, body and structure. We used a combination of specially selected yeast to enhance color and flavor extraction without harsh tannins. We pumped the tanks over several times a day until nearly dry, then pressed and aged the wine in a combination of French, Hungarian and American oak barrels for 12 months. The best barrel lots were chosen for the final blend to showcase of the quality fruit grown in the red-gravel soils of Dunnigan Hills.

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