

2018

Red Blend
POWER & Grace



The
ARSONIST



by Matchbook

Wine Spectator

90
POINTS

BLEND

52% Petit Verdot, Dunnigan Hills
26% Malbec, Dunnigan Hills
15% Cabernet Sauvignon, Dunnigan Hills
7% Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley

APPELLATION: Dunnigan Hills

TA: 6.49 g/L pH: 3.96 ALC: 13.9%

PRODUCTION: 23,264 cases

BARRELS

Blended and aged 24 months in a combination of French, American and European/American hybrid barrels, approximately 30% of which were new:

- Carpathian oak | Giraud Cooperage, Trust Cooperage, and TN Cooperage
- American oak | Cooperage 1912 "Profile Series" and TN Cooperage
- Demptos hybrid | American and European
- French oak | Giraud Cooperage

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2018 Arsonist Red Blend is our left of center take on the classic Bordeaux blend. Anchored by Petit Verdot the grace of the wine shows in an elegant bouquet of plum, raspberry and mocha. The blend of three powerhouse reds delivers full flavors of blackberry, cherry, chocolate and pepper spice; barrel aging adds a nice dose of vanilla oak. The finish lingers with dark fruit flavors, herbs and old-fashioned saddle leather. This is a big-flavored wine that pairs well with the richness of grilled lamb chops or a well-marbled rib-eye steak.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Petit Verdot (52%): The backbone of The Arsonist Red Blend, this thick-skinned, deeply colored grape is the Power player of the blend. Aged properly, Petit Verdot develops hefty, full-structured wines with rich flavors of plum, blackberry and spice. The Petit Verdot for this blend is from four of the Matchbook Estate Vineyards in the Dunnigan Hills: Richie Ranch, Gemmer, Gravel Pit and Lederer.

Malbec (26%): This deeply hued grape contributes inky color and flavors of dark fruit and chocolate to the blend. The Malbec in the 2019 Arsonist Red Blend adds to the richness of the mid-palate and is from Matchbook Estate's Richie Ranch and Gemmer vineyards.

Cabernet Sauvignon (22%): A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon from Salley Vine Vineyard in Alexander Valley and Gravel Pit vineyard in Dunnigan Hills. The two-appellation blend adds the grace notes to the finished wine that show up in the elegant bouquet, the round mouthfeel and the touch of herbal spice.

