

## East of Napa, Left of Center

ESTATE GROWN & BOTTLED | DUNNIGAN HILLS

# PILLARS OF HERCULES

## 2021 RED BLEND

### The Wine

This unique blend of three Estate Grown reds shows off its robust pedigree in the deep, dense purple color. The aromatics are a berry bomb of raspberry, dried cranberry and cherry that follow through to juicy flavors of boysenberry, blackberry and plum. The texture is rich and round with toasty oak, pepper spice and jammy fruit. Fine dusty tannins add structure; natural grape acidity brightens the long, lingering finish. This bold red blend has enough balance and complexity to enjoy on its own as an aperitif. It is also a great choice to pair with baby back ribs, slow-roasted lamb shanks, or grilled veggies tossed with a rich Romesco sauce.

### The Story

Strong, muscular, massive. Words that define Hercules when he planted two pillars astride the parting of the Strait of Gibraltar opening the old world to the new. When Matchbook set out to create a powerhouse wine, we chose to base our Pillars on the pillars of strength from the Dunnigan Hills: Petite Sirah, Petit Verdot and Teroldego. This is a chewy, dense, full-bodied blend for those seeking a big red wine.

### The Blend

PETITE SIRAH {67%}

Important world-wide in warm growing regions because of its need for some heat and a dry climate to ripen fully. Grown in the Dunnigan Hills, PS adds appealing flavors and aromas of sugar plum, blueberry, violets, dark chocolate and black pepper.

PETIT VERDOT {20%}

Shows its true potential in warm regions with long growing seasons on the well-drained, gravel-based soils found in the Dunnigan Hills. PV is the backbone of our Pillars of Hercules adding firm tannins, great structure and dense flavors of plum, blueberries and mocha.

TEROLDEGO {13%}

A Northern Italian grape variety that thrives on the gravelly soils in our Dunnigan Hills vineyards. A dash of Teroldego adds the fresh, racy, berry character and good acidity that sets up the palate for another sip of Pillars.

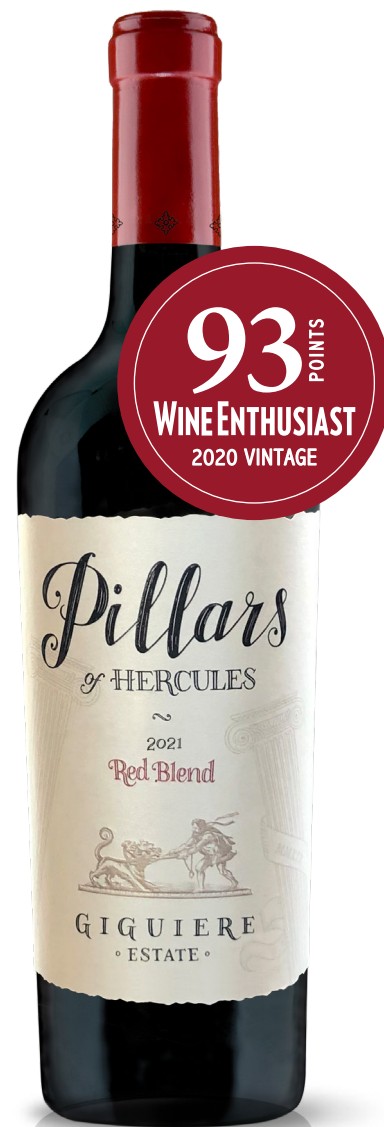
### The Barrel Program

Demptos Cooperage - American/European Hybrid

World Cooperages - American Oak Profile Series

Trust Cooperages - Carpatian Oak - "Hercules 125"

Specialty barrels designed by Winemaker Dan Cederquist and the cooperage, feature old growth trees at least 125 years old and toasted with a proprietary toasting.



### Appellation

Dunnigan Hills, Estate Bottled

### Vineyards

100% Matchbook, Estate Grown

### Blend

67% Petite Sirah

20% Petit Verdot

13% Teroldego

TA pH

5.85 g/L

3.94

### Alcohol

14.4%

### Production

14,400 cases



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