

Syrah

MATCHBOOK | 2006

VINEYARDS

Dunnigan Hills 90% Syrah
Chalk Hill 6% Cabernet Sauvignon
Solano County 4% Petite Sirah

BARRELS

20% new from:
Magrenan | French Allier oak coopered in Spain
80% 2-5 year old barrels:
Magrenan | French Allier
World Cooperage | 3 year air dried American oak
Trust | Hungarian oak, hand split and slow
toasted over oak fires

CHEMISTRY

Appellation	Dunnigan Hills
Farming	Sustainable Night Harvest
TA	0.69
pH	3.71
Alcohol	14.3%
Production	3650 cases



GRAPES

A full bodied red with fresh blueberry flavors and a hint of vanilla and spice on the finish. The addition of Cabernet Sauvignon adds structure to the wine and notes of cedar and tobacco. The Petite Sirah adds deep rich color, tannins and some pepper spice.

CELLAR

Several lots were bled of 15% of their juice after 18 hours of soaking to concentrate flavors. The must was inoculated with Assmannshousen yeast and pumped over twice a day using aeration carts. After fermentation the wine was pressed, settled then racked to French and American oak barrels. After twenty-two months in oak the wine was blended in September 2009 and bottled in November.

STORY

As a farm kid growing up in the late 1950's and early 1960's John Giguiere was a confirmed pyromaniac starting various things on fire such as his father's wheat fields. He and his brother graduated to launching rockets which often blew up at some stage of the journey resulting in more random fires and calls to the local fire department for help. They eventually grew out of this fascination with the Matchbook but still have fond memories of the power they possessed.