

# Tinto Rey

## MATCHBOOK | 2006

40% Tempranillo | 35% Syrah | 17% Cabernet Sauvignon | 5% Petite Sirah | 3% Graciano

### VINEYARDS

Dunnigan Hills	Matchbook Vineyard <i>68% Tempranillo   Syrah   Graciano</i>
Chalk Hill	<i>17% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
Russian River Valley	BCD Vineyard <i>10% Syrah   Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
California	<i>5% Petite Sirah</i>

### BARRELS

Dunnigan Hills	100% Barrel Fermented <i>20% new from:</i> <i>Magrenan   French Allier, coopered in Spain</i> <i>Boutes   French "Cooper Select," from center of France</i> <i>World Cooperage   3 years in dried American oak</i>
	80% from 2-5 year old barrels: <i>Francois Freres   French Oak from center of France</i> <i>Seguin Moreau   French Allier and Never oak</i> <i>Sylvain   French Allier</i>

### CHEMISTRY

Appellation	California
TA	0.65
pH	3.85
Alcohol	13.9%
Production	8,049 cases



## GRAPES

Tinto Rey means Red King. Tempranillo is the king of Spanish red wines and one of the most important varieties in our Matchbook Vineyard in the Dunnigan Hills. The Spanish varieties Tempranillo and Graciano contribute spicy red berry fruit flavors; Syrah adds rich flavors of black cherry and blueberry; the spicy cedar and tobacco notes are from the cool-weather Cabernet Sauvignon; a touch of Petite Sirah pumps up the tannins, the rich color and add a little pepper spice .

## BARRELS

After one day of cold soak, the tank was bled to concentrate the flavors. We pressed off at three to zero Brix after an eight-day fermentation to allow brighter, cleaner fruit expression and to avoid heavy tannins. After two aerative rackings, the wine went down to barrel in October 2006. The final blend was created in May of the following year.

## 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.