

2008 Old Head Chardonnay

VINEYARDS

Dunnigan Hills

Matchbook Vineyard
90% Chardonnay

Russian River Valley

Dutton Ranch Mill Station
7% Unoaked Chardonnay

Paso Robles

3% Viognier

BARRELS

Dunnigan Hills

100% Barrel Fermented
22% new from:

Gillet | French Vosges

Kadar | Hungarian

*Trust | Hungarian oak, hand split
and slow roasted over oak fires*

78% from 2-5 year old barrels

Gillet | French Vosges

Russian River Valley

100% Stainless Steel Fermented

CHEMISTRY

Appellation: Dunnigan Hills

Farming: Sustainable Night Harvest

TA: 0.66

pH: 3.90

Alcohol: 13.9%

Production: 11,549 cases

GRAPES

Matchbook Chardonnay is more European in style in that the oak levels are restrained, alcohols are reduced and the wine is fermented dry. The Chardonnay from Matchbook Vineyard adds tropical fruit aromas and flavors; the barrel fermentation contributes creamy, honey flavors and roundness to the texture of the wine. The Russian River Valley fruit adds casaba melon, Pippin apple flavors and slatey mineral undertones. The Viognier adds lovely honeysuckle aromas and the tiny touch of fruit sweetness that makes this wine so appealing.

CELLAR

The grapes were crushed, pressed and settled on the first day, then inoculated with yeast and barreled down. After barrel fermentation, the wine was allowed to age in barrels for eight months while being stirred regularly. The wine was then racked off the lees and blended. 22% of the barrels used were new; 78% of the wine was aged in "Old Head" French oak - used barrels - to add weight to the mouthfeel without masking the fresh fruit flavors of the wine.

STORY

As a farm kid growing up in the late 1950's and early 1960's John Giguere 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.



Giguere Family Wines