

2006 Tinto Rey

VINEYARDS

Dunnigan Hills

Matchbook Vineyard

*68% Tempranillo | Syrah |
Graciano*

Chalk Hill

17% Cabernet Sauvignon

Russian River Valley

BCD Vineyard

10% Syrah | Cabernet Sauvignon

California

5% Petite Sirah

BARRELS

100% Barrel Fermented

20% new from:

*Magrenan | French Allier, coopered
in Spain*

*Boutes | French "Cooper Select," from
center of France*

*World Cooperage | 3 years in dried
American oak*

80% from 2-5 year old barrels:

Francois Freres | French Allier

*World Cooperage | French Oak from
center of France*

*Seguin Moreau | French Allier and
Never oak*

Sylvain | French Allier

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.

CELLAR

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 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.

