

# 2007 Syrah



## VINEYARDS

**Dunnigan Hills**  
Matchbook Vineyard  
85% Syrah

### **Russian River Valley**

BDC Farms  
6% Syrah

**Sweetwater Land and Cattle**  
3% Cabernet Sauvignon

### **Chalk Hill**

**Sweetwater Land and Cattle**  
3% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Tim Norris Vineyard**  
3% Cabernet Sauvignon

## 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, band split*  
*and slow toasted over oak fires*

## CHEMISTRY

**Appellation:** Dunnigan Hills  
**Farming:** Sustainable  
Night Harvest

**TA:** .71

**pH:** 3.77

**Alcohol:** 14.3%

**Production:** 5,500 cases

## GRAPES

A full bodied red with fresh blueberry and black cherry fruit flavors from the Dunnigan Hills Syrah. The addition of 9% Cabernet Sauvignon adds loads of chocolate flavors, as well as depth, richness and structure. Barrel aging contributes a touch of vanilla spice. Soft, rich and spicy, this big red wine will hold up to any grilled or roasted meat dish.

## CELLAR

The grapes were gently crushed and fermented in small, temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Specially selected yeast, Assmannshousen, was used to enhance color and flavor extraction without harsh tannins. Tanks were pumped over twice a day until nearly dry, then pressed and aged in oak barrels for 26 months. We like to use an assortment of French, Hungarian and American oak, and only 20% new to avoid overoaking.

## 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. They eventually grew out of this fascination with the Matchbook but still have fond memories of the power they possessed.

