

# 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon



## VINEYARDS

### 87% Cabernet Sauvignon

75% Lake County,  
Red Hills Vineyard  
6% Chalk Hill,  
Tim Norris Vineyard  
6% Alexander Valley,  
Monson Vineyard

### 7% Petit Verdot

### 6% Syrah

Dunnigan Hills,  
Matchbook Vineyard

## BARRELS

### 100% Barrel aged

25% new from:  
Seguin Moreau | French Allier  
and Never oak  
Boutes | French "Cooper Select,"  
from center of France  
World Cooperage | 3 year  
air dried American oak

75% from 2-5 year old barrels:  
Boutes | French "Cooper Select"  
from center of France  
Seguin Moreau | French Allier  
and Never oak  
World Cooperage | 3 year  
air dried American oak

## CHEMISTRY

Appellation: Lake County

TA: .64

pH: 3.63

Alcohol: 13.9%

Production: 6,700 cases

## GRAPES

Matchbook Cabernet Sauvignon has deeply layered aromas of dusty chocolate, red licorice, and vanilla with underlying aromas of pomegranate, black cherry and Santa Rosa plums. It is full-bodied with loads of juicy red fruit and barrel spice. Solid tannins, moderate acidity and a juicy richness mingle seamlessly. This big, bold Cabernet has the mouth-watering quality of a great aperitif wine served with a tangy-nutty cheese like Manchego or a tomato bruschetta. The wine will also pair nicely with spicy, grilled sausages.

## CELLAR

Lake County is California's hidden treasure for growing cabernet sauvignon grapes and the Red Hills Vineyard, where we source ours, is one of the best. We carefully blended in cabernets from Alexander Valley and Chalk Hill to amplify the structure, and then a little petit verdot to juice up the black fruit component. Finally, a little Dunnigan Hills syrah was added to soften and lengthen the finish.

## 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.

