

MARCHELLE



Technical Data

Appellation : Mokelumne River, Lodi

Vineyard: Bechthold Vineyard

Varieties : Cinsault

Production : 77 Cases

Analysis :

Alcohol: 13.8%

pH: 3.6

TA: 6.0 g/L

Residual Sugar: DRY (<.03%)

2020 Bechthold Vineyard Cinsaut

Mokelumne River, Lodi

ABOUT

Planted in 1886 by German immigrant, Joseph Spenker, the Bechthold Vineyard lies along the sandy banks of the Mokelumne River in Lodi California. It is dry-farmed with head trained vines and is believed to be the oldest producing Cinsaut vineyard in the world. Bechthold's gnarly, twisting tree-like vines are a sight to behold.

VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage was dry and even-ripening, which suited this oldest Cinsaut vines in the world to a "T". A brief warm spell in early September gave a warm, ripe feel to the grapes from this venerable vineyard.

PROCESS

Both primary and secondary fermentation were conducted using indigenous or native yeast and ML without any additions.

TASTING

Smoked meats, roasted venison and a musky, visceral, almost sensual aroma verily leap out of the glass to grab one's attention. On the palate, the tannins are silky-smooth, belying the "all teeth and digestive tract" of the aromas with a gentle and savory-spice finish.