

# MARCHELLE



## Technical Data

*Appellation* : Mokelumne River, Lodi

*Vineyard*: Jessie's Grove

*Varieties* : Carignane

*Production* : 55 Cases

*Analysis* :

Alcohol: 13.4%

pH: 3.5

TA: 6.2 g/L

*Residual Sugar*: DRY (<.01%)

## ABOUT

2020 '1900 Block' Carignan

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Carignan has long been known as an excellent blender in its native Rhone Valley in southern France. On the sandy floodplains of the Mokelumne River west of Lodi, these dry-farmed, own-rooted vines planted in 1900 by the Spenker family and still farmed by descendant Greg Burns of Jessie's Grove. As with many old vineyards, the Carignan has a few scattered white grapes and other varietals interplanted. The rapidly disappearing but late 19th-century widely planted Monbadon white grape comprised 8% of the rows picked. Head-trained, spur pruned and own-rooted/dry-farmed.

## VINTAGE

2020 was a trouble-free vintage along the edge of the Sacramento Delta, allowing for both the 90% Carignan and the 10% almost extinct white grape Monbadon to ripen to perfection. A tiny amount of Alicante Bouche and Flame Tokay were also picked into this ancient field blend.

## TASTING

A fruit-forward expression of dark cherry, plum fruits, fresh roasted coffee, wildflowers and a hint of "sauvage et animale" wildness. With forward tannins and plenty of structure, this wine will take its time to mature and evolve.