

# MARCHELLE



## Technical Data

*Appellation* : Mokelumne River, Lodi

*Vineyard*: Jessie's Grove

*Varieties* : Zinfandel, Carignan, Flame Tokay, Black Prince and Mission

*Production* : 77 Cases

*Analysis* :

Alcohol: 14.3%

pH: 3.58

TA: 5.8 g/L

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

## ABOUT

2020 "Royal Tee Block" Zinfandel  
Mokelumne River, Lodi

This ancient vine Zinfandel hails from the 133 year-old iconic "Royal Tee Block " at Jessie's Grove Vineyard in the Mokelumne River area of Lodi California. Originally planted in the midst of 320 loamy, oak-studded acres by pioneer Joseph Spenker and named for his daughter Jessie, the property is now farmed by Greg Burns, Spenker's great great grandson. Here, tradition holds; deep roots are venerated. Zinfandel with a field blend of Black Prince, Flame Tokay, and Mission grapes. The last jewels in the treasure chest are ancient Carignan vines. Each contributes a distinct element for the alchemy we strive for in this unique Zinfandel.

## VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage was exceptionally dry, allowing for these ancient vines to mine for their water without the disease pressure that typically afflicts old-vine head-trained, spur pruned vines. The traditional table grapes, done in carbonic maceration style, lended acid and balance to the wine.

## TASTING

Ethereal spice aromas derive from this melange of Zinfandel, Carignan, Flame Tokay, Black Prince and Mission grapes. On the palate, you get pinot-like smoothness and flavors of layered plum, dark cherry and spicy pumpkin with just enough spice to remind you that this is still a Zinfandel.