

LORENZA

2021 CINSAUT
BECHTHOLD VINEYARD
MOKLEUMNE RIVER
LODI CALIFORNIA

100% CINSAUT

11% ALC, 103 CASES PRODUCED
ORGANICALLY FARMED

Made by Women

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VINEYARD

This historic 12 acre vineyard was planted in 1886 on its own roots in sandy alluvial soil on the west side of the Mokelumne River. Assumed to be Black Malvasia, after testing it was discovered to be Cinsaut in 2004. This land previously was planted to watermelons which appear as legacy volunteers between the gnarled vines just before harvest. Farmed organically by the Phillips family, it is owned by Wanda Bechthold who's late husband Al Bechthold dedicated his time and attention to these vines for many years. A privilege to purchase grapes from this vineyard for our Rosé since 2009, we decided to use a different lens in 2021.

WINEMAKING

We took the opportunity to hold this fruit out of the rosé blend in 2021 and fermented whole clusters in 1/2 ton bins. Half was inoculated, the other half was fermented with its native yeasts, with twice daily punch downs, then drained. The free run juice was placed in neutral oak and stainless steel and aged for 18 months before bottling unfiltered on May 23, 2023. 102 cases produced, released June 2023.

TASTING NOTES

Translucent garnet color with a rising scent of mountain strawberries, kumquat, cinnamon, cardamon and clove. Delicate and energetic, the wine washes over the palate with dried strawberries, kitchen spices and faint herbs. Lingers energetically.