

LORENZA

2022 CINSAUT
BECHTHOLD VINEYARD
MOKLEUMNE RIVER
LODI CALIFORNIA

100% CINSAUT

11% ALC, 100 CASES PRODUCED
ORGANICALLY FARMED

Made by Women

BY MELINDA KEARNEY AND
MICHÈLE LORENZA OUELLET

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 in the previous century 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, this is our second vintage of red.

WINEMAKING

We pulled fruit from our section of the vineyard along with a bin and a half from the eastern section on the morning of September 5. Gently destemmed, the fruit was fermented in a short stainless steel tank with twice daily punch downs and drained post fermentation. Resting in neutral oak and stainless steel, the wine aged for 9 months before bottling on May 23, 2023. 100 cases produced. Fall 2023 release.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Lorenza Cinsaut is a velvety ruby red color with aromas of mountain strawberries, kumquat, cinnamon, cardamon and clove. Delicate and energetic, the wine washes over the palate with dried strawberries, baking spices, dried herbs. Finishes with lingering energy.