



## MICHAEL DAVID

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## Michael David Ancient Vine Cinsault

2013 | Lodi Appellation

### TASTING NOTES

“Polished, elegant and supple, this offers upfront aromas of plum, strawberry and red cherry. The flavors are pure and fruity, but nicely complex, bringing in light nuances of vanilla, clove and cinnamon to top the cherry and berry freshness. Made from one of the state’s oldest Cinsault plantings, this is supremely smooth and sophisticated.”

**93 POINTS**  
-Wine Enthusiast  
November 2015

### HISTORY

Having not produced a Cinsault since 1999, this vineyard gave Michael David the opportunity to expand its Rhone program and get back to bottling smaller lots. Planted in 1886 by Joseph Spenker, our Cinsault comes from Lodi’s oldest producing vineyard and one of the world’s oldest Cinsault plantings. Farmed by Michael’s son, Kevin Phillips, this vineyard is head trained and dry farmed just like it was when it was when planted well over 100 years ago, and is the only vineyard designated wine in our entire portfolio.

### GROWING CONDITIONS

The 2013 harvest started in early August with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir for our sparkling wine. The first of our red grapes came in early September, with the later ripening varieties such as Old Vine Zin coming in early October. After a heavy crop in 2012, the ’13 harvest was expected to be smaller than average, but we still saw large crop yields across most varieties. Moderate temperatures throughout the summer allowed the fruit to develop full flavors while retaining acidity.

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#### Technical Data:

T.A.: 0.58g/100ml

pH: 3.48

Alc.: 14.5%

#### Composition:

100% Ancient Vine Cinsault

#### Time in barrel:

12 months French oak

