



MICHAEL DAVID

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Michael David Ancient Vine Cinsaut

2017 | Lodi Appellation

TASTING NOTES

Brick red in color from Lodi's warm summer months, our 2017 Ancient Vine Cinsaut opens with aromas of bright fresh red fruits, cranberry, white pepper and graham cracker crust. Elegant and light-bodied, showing pure, crisp flavors of raspberry and pomegranate with just a hint of vanilla throughout the brisk, lively finish.

HISTORY

Having not produced a Cinsaut 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 Cinsaut comes from Lodi's oldest producing vineyard and one of the world's oldest Cinsaut plantings. Farmed by Michael's son, Kevin Phillips, this vineyard is head trained and dry farmed just like it was when it was planted well over 100 years ago, and is the only vineyard designated wine in our entire portfolio.

GROWING CONDITIONS

2017 was a year of extreme weather variation for the Lodi region; higher than average rain fall in the winter and a warm spring pushed the vines into early bud break and promoted vine growth early on. An unprecedented heat wave in August and September pushed the pace of harvest for white and earlier ripening red varietals, until temperatures cooled off in late September. This allowed late-season reds to finish maturing and fully ripen before picking.

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Technical Data:

T.A.: 0.56g/100ml

pH: 3.59

Alc.: 13.5%

Composition:

95% Ancient Vine Cinsaut

5% Syrah

Time in barrel:

10 months neutral oak

