

# MARCHELLE



## 2021 Family Cuvée, Proprietary Red Wine

Some of the oldest vineyards in the world thrive in the Mokelumne River AVA between Lodi and the Sacramento Delta. The Bechthold Vineyard is indeed the oldest Cinsaut planting in the world, struck on its own roots in 1882 and farmed organically. Nearby, the Royal Tee Vineyard was planted in 1889, comprising 82% Zinfandel, 8% Carignane and the remainder a mix of Flame Tokay, Black Prince, Mission and Muscat table grapes. The majority of this blend is Carignane from the “1900 Block” of Jessie’s Grove, which includes 10% of the almost extinct white grape Monbadon, also known as Berger. All of these vines are own-rooted, dry-farmed and certified heritage vineyards.

## 2021 Harvest

The 2021 Vintage was extremely dry and “cold, with frosts during the early growing season. The resulting harvest was very light, with less than half the crop expected on many vines. Harvested from early September (Zin) to early October (Carignane).

## Tasting Notes

Moderately dark in color, this wine presents a complex nose with dark fruits, earth and hints of woodruff. The palate presents well-sculpted tannins supported by a good acid backbone that leads to a long, lingering finish echoing the fruits first found on the nose.

**Appellation:** Mokelumne River

**Alcohol by Volume:** 14.6%

**pH:** 3.7 | **TA** 65.9g/L

**Vineyard:** Bechthold and Jessie’s Grove

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

**Size:** 750ml

**Production:** 316 cases

**Winemaker:** Greg La Follette