



**2025 Cochon Old Vine Cinsault Bechthold Vineyard, Lodi
(135 Cases Produced) (100% Cinsault, **Organically Farmed**)**

Vineyards: In our quest to make world class Rhone wines, we started working with Bechthold Vineyard 15 years ago. This block of 130+ year-old bush vine Cinsault planted in 1886 in Central Lodi is meticulously managed and farmed **organically** by vineyard manager Kevin Phillips. These are the oldest known Cinsault vines on the Planet! Deep, sandy soils and micro yielding vines produce fruit with incredible purity and finesse. This extraordinary fruit from this amazing vineyard continues to make up the core and backbone of our dry Rosé and in rare years when the vineyard gives us a bittle extra fruit we produce this brightly fruited, unique red wine.

Winemaking: The Cinsault grapes were fully ripe and full of flavor the second week of September and we brought the grapes to the winery in the early morning. We left 50% of the fruit whole cluster and de-stemmed the remaining 50% of which was combined into a small open top tank for cold soak and primary fermentation using only native yeasts. The grapes were punched down by hand twice a day for a period of two weeks. The wine was then gently basket-pressed and transferred to a mix of seasoned 300L French oak Hogsheads for malo-lactic fermentation and aging for 5 months on the lees, then racked and blended before being bottled unfiltered to preserve the fresh fruit in the finished wine.

The Wine: Brilliant, bright ruby colored, exhibiting an attractive nose of wild raspberry, bing cherry, pomegranate, red plum and red currant fruit with touches of exotic spice and cracked pepper. Ripe and supple textured with a concentrated core of bright, juicy fruit. A medium-bodied wine with lively acids, the delicate, powdery tannins provide just the right structure to balance out the beam of complex, layered red fruit flavors. **Serve lightly chilled!!!**

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