



MICHAEL DAVID

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## Michael David Ancient Vine Cinsault

2014 | Lodi Appellation

### TASTING NOTES

Soft supple aromas of rose petal, raspberry and Rainier cherry. The flavor profile shows a bit of earthiness, but still hints to bright red berries on the finish. A lighter, stylish and lively red wine with medium body and weight.

### 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 planted well over 100 years ago, and is the only vineyard designated wine in our entire portfolio.

### GROWING CONDITIONS

An unusually hot summer gave way to the earliest harvest Lodi had seen in 8 years as we started to press Chardonnay on August 4th, 2014. The 2014 vintage brought its challenges as Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and everything in between reached its optimal ripeness within days of each other, needing to be picked at the same time! Our final lot of Cabernet Sauvignon was picked on October 17th, marking the end of the fast and furious harvest season.

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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

