

# 2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



# KLINKER BRICK WINERY

## Appellation

Lodi – Mokelumne River AVA

## Growing Philosophy

As the saying goes, “Cab is king.” This mindset has led to many of the finest Old Vine Zinfandel vineyards in Lodi being ripped out and replanted to Cabernet Sauvignon. While these vineyards provided settings that were optimal for Zinfandel, they do not often produce the same quality with Cabernet. Our philosophy is to keep our treasured Old Vine Zinfandel and search for microclimates in Lodi that are more appropriate for Cabernet Sauvignon. This search has led us to expand to the furthest reaches of the Mokelumne River AVA, especially to the east where we have found pockets of volcanic soil in conjunction with moderately higher elevations, two elements which allow Cabernet Sauvignon to thrive. By tapping into the deeper terroir of the region, we are able to coax the tannin structure appropriate to Cabernet and couple it with the fruit profile of Lodi. This results in an expression of Cabernet Sauvignon that is both true to the varietal and true to the appellation.

## Vineyard Highlights

**Bechthold Vineyard (planted in 1983)** - Being a 40 year old block of Cabernet Sauvignon, the Bechthold vineyard is among the oldest Cabernet plantings in Lodi. With consistent vine-ripening year after year, this vineyard yields some of the best wine-grapes harvested every season. Located behind the Klinker Brick Tasting Room, this 4.5 acre parcel is drip-irrigated, runs east to west, and is on a bilateral trellis.

## Vintage Notes

The 2020 Lodi growing season, much like the year in general, created some unique challenges for grape-growers. Lower than average rainfall in the winter gave us

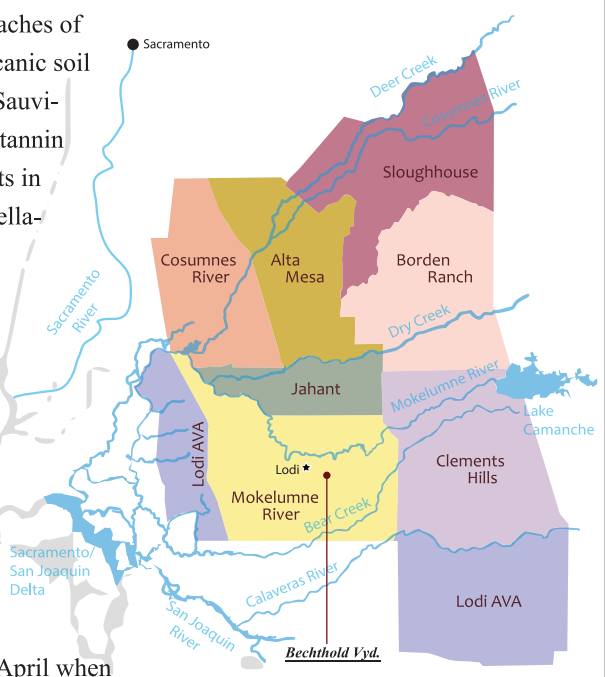
some pause but our patience was ultimately rewarded in March and April when the region received some much needed rain. The lack of cloud cover in the early part of bud-break (March) led to some warmer conditions that were being interpreted as an indicator of an earlier than normal harvest.

## Winemaking

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are immediately pressed, fermented, and sent to barrel-age in french oak. This particular vineyard exhibits top-quality characteristics from the beginning that allow us to use a minimal approach once in the barrel. 16 months on oak proves to be ideal for this full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon resulting in a beautiful bottle of wine.

## Taste

The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits dark garnet color with leather aromas accompanied with hints of subtle cinnamon and smoked cherry wood. On the palate, notes of lingonberry and dark cherry. Fully integrated and well balanced, this wine has great tannin with a long, lingering finish.



## Vital Statistics

<b>Maturation</b> 16 Months French Oak	<b>Alcohol</b> 15.2%
<b>Cooperage</b> Seguin Moreau	<b>PH</b> 3.76
<b>Harvest Date</b> October 7, 2020	<b>TA</b> 6.3 g/L
<b>Brix</b> 25.7°	