

BIRICHINO



2013 BECHTHOLD CINSAULT OLD VINES

It is a rare privilege to work with perhaps the oldest significant planting of cinsault in the world. While we have a strong preference to use direct pressing rather than saignée to produce juice for our pink, the opportunity to make red wine from the organically farmed Bechthold cinsault cannot be passed up.

Picked at the end of August, within the first few hours we saignéed for our Vin Gris, leaving the balance cool and collected in stainless to slowly warm up and start fermentation with indigenous yeast. The 2013 is the epitome of Birichino style – condensed, focused and complete yet expansive without leaning on weight and extraction. Where the 2012 was a shade leaner and nervier at harvest and required longer in neutral barrel to flesh out, the 2013 was racked and bottled unfiltered after a little less than a year.

“Be obsequious, purple and clairvoyant.”- Steve Martin

-Alex and John

Release Date: Fall 2014

Composition: Cinsault 100%

Appellation: Mokelumne River,
Lodi