

# 2020 1850° RED BLEND



# KLINKER BRICK WINERY

## Appellation

Lodi – Mokelumne River AVA

## Varietal Composition

60% Cabernet, 30% Petite Sirah, 10% Old Vine Zinfandel

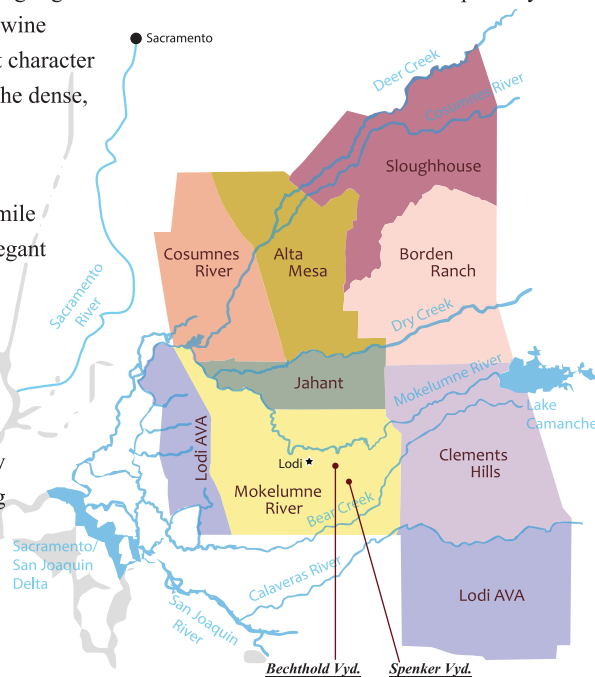
## Growing Philosophy

When winemaker Joseph Smith joined Klinker Brick he sought to develop a wine that would highlight the best of Lodi's terroir. 1850° was inspired by Bordeaux blends, but is crafted using distinctively Lodi varietals. The result is a power house wine drawing on the structure of Cabernet, the aromatic elegance of Petite Sirah and the bright fruit character of Old Vine Zinfandel. 1850 is the temperature at which bricks become over-fired, taking on the dense, dark characteristics emblematic of Klinker Bricks, a fitting name for a wine...

## Vineyard Highlights

**Bechthold Vineyard (1989)** Located on the Eastern side of the Mokelumne AVA about a half mile from the Klinker Brick tasting room, the Bechthold Vineyard produces some of Lodi's most elegant Cabernet. The vines sit on deep sandy loam soil, leading to generous minerality in the wines. Single arm pruning results in low yields about 3.5 tons per acre. The small berry fruit is concentrated with flavors of black current and pepper.

**Spencer Ranch Vineyard (1998)** – Planted primarily to Petite Sirah the Spencer Ranch Vineyard is known for producing wines with exceptional structure and tannin. The soil here is composed of deep sandy loam typical of the Mokelumne AVA, lending a notable minerality to the finished wines. At twenty years, Petite Sirah has lost most of its youthful vigor, yielding approximately 5 tons per acre. Intense cluster sorting occurs in the vineyard prior to harvest to ensure only the best bunches are brought to the winery. The fruit from Spencer Vineyard is notable for its violet and blue fruit aromas.



## 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

Vineyards for the 1850° are hand harvested late in the growing season at approximately 26 brix and brought to the winery in separate lots. Fermentation for each varietal occurs separately before the final blend is assembled and aged in 60% new French Oak and 40% used American Oak for 16 months.

## Taste

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Petite Sirah and 10% Zinfandel. Notable for its violet fruit bouquet, the aroma draws your nose into the glass, as you uncover deeper aromas of tobacco and licorice. On the palate, ripe plum and cranberry are coupled with hints of spice. The texture is velvety with distinct tannins leading to a smooth and lengthy finish.

## Vital Statistics

**Production** 1250 cases (2500 6pk)

**Maturation** 15 Months

40% American, 60% French Oak

**Cooperage** Saury, Radoux

**Harvest Date** Oct. 8, 2020

**Alcohol** 15.4%

**PH** 3.84

**TA** 6.5 g/L

