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## Borra Vineyards Brings Home the Gold for Rhone-Style Wines

*New limited-edition 47.5 Degree wines honored at S.F. Chronicle Wine Competition.*

**Lodi — January 18, 2008** — Borra Vineyard's Gill Creek Ranch proved that Clements Hills can produce world class winegrapes this week when the prestigious 2008 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition announced their winning wines. Out of a record 4,235 entries, Borra's new high-end, limited-edition 47.5 Degree 2005 Syrah (\$34.99) took a gold medal, as did Rhone-style blend 2005 Red Fusion (\$18). According to owner Steve Borra, "It's very satisfying to get recognition for all our hard work, from my very early mornings on the tractor, to the non-interventionist winemaking of Craig Becker, and precision execution in the cellar by Markus Niggli. It is an honor to show that our Lodi wines please trained palates even more than many similar wines from Napa and Sonoma." A silver medal went to the new 47.5 Degree proprietary 2005 Red Wine (\$34.99), a 100-case blend of equal parts Syrah, Petite Sirah, Alicante Bouchet and Mourvedre. Borra's 2006 White Fusion (\$16) was awarded a bronze medal. A limited amount of these wines is still available at the Borra Vineyards tasting room on Armstrong Road in Lodi, or through [www.borravineyards.com](http://www.borravineyards.com).

Founded by Steve Borra in 1975 as Lodi's first boutique winery, Borra Vineyards offers the unique Rhone-style blends Red Fusion and White Fusion, and their ever-popular Zinfandel, while also producing limited releases of Chardonnay, 47.5 Degree Syrah, a proprietary 47.5 Degree Red Wine, Barbera, Merlot and a delicious Rosé. Most of these wines are grown on the family's Gill Creek Ranch, 200 acres of ideal vineyard property that runs along the north bank of the Mokelumne River. The vineyard's terroir produces some of the finest varietals flourishing in the Clements Hills area of the Lodi Appellation.

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