



2006 MERLOT

STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK VINEYARD ESTATE BOTTLED

At 2:30 in the morning, Steve Borra gets up and hops on his tractor to protect his highest quality Merlot against frost and mildew. These Merlot grapes are selected from the best low-vigor 11-acre block of Borra's Gill Creek Vineyard. Only 435 cases are made of this naturally fermented, barrel-aged, hand-crafted wine, bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

Steve Borra is a time-honored, traditional Italian winegrape-grower, using modern-day advances to nurture his vines. Each vineyard block is harvested only when perfectly ripe, with lots vinified separately, leveraging the latest in high-end winemaking techniques.

Tasting Notes

Our full-bodied, middle-of-the-night Merlot will bowl you over with up-front, big jammy black currants and cherries, giving way to shades of oak and spicy cloves, accompanied by a touch of rich spicy pepperoni on the long finish, providing an excellent partner with wood-fired pizza.

Statistics

Appellation:	Clements Hills, Lodi
Blend:	100% Merlot
Harvested:	October 2006
Bottled:	July 11, 2008
Alcohol:	15.5%
pH:	3.60
TA:	0.57 g/L
Cases Produced:	435
Sug. Retail Price:	\$18