

## 2006 47.5° SYRAH STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK RANCH LIMITED EDITION

This 100% Syrah is the perfect expression of our Gill Creek Ranch vineyard, oriented at 47.5° from north for optimal, even ripening, producing 4 Tons per acre. Fermentation is accomplished with native yeasts and native malo-lactic bacteria. Grapes are never pressed, but rather naturally free-run drained overnight, resulting in an exceptionally clean and clear wine that is not filtered prior to bottling. Aged in 50% new French barrels for 18 months for just the right touch of oak and added complexity.

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

## Tasting Notes

Aromas of a batch of luscious chocolate brownies baking while a neighbor enjoys a fine cigar. A sip sends the mouth tingling, filled with lively black cherry, blackberry jam, spicy black licorice and a touch of menthol.

## **Statistics**

Blend: 100% Syrah, Clone 877

Harvested: October 2006 Bottled: July 11, 2008

Alcohol: 14.9% pH: 3.91

TA: 0.54 gm/100mL

Cases Produced: 253