

2008 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK VINEYARD ESTATE BOTTLED

Zinfandel, Lodi's best-known varietal, is grown at our Gill Creek Ranch overlooking the Mokelumne River. This Zinfandel vineyard was planted more than forty years ago, and it benefits from Lodi's specific terroir so famed for the cultivation of Zinfandel. This is a wine that comes from the heart of our vineyard, and the heart of our family's dedication to our roots in Lodi.

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

Our Zinfandel delivers exactly what Lodi's renowned old vines are famous for: complex decadent fruit. Uncontainable swirling scents of smoky-oaked bacon, jammy raisin-rhubarb, coffee and a dash of sage waft from the glass, becoming an exciting velvet carousel of wonderfully-structured chocolate-covered black cherries jubilee and sweet Boysenberries, with a seemingly unending finish of coffee bean raisins. Drop everything and reach for some barbecued spareribs, because you won't find a better pairing.

Statistics

Appellation: Clements Hills, Lodi (planted in 1968)

Blend: 100% Zinfandel

Harvested: September 26, 2008

Winemaking: Free-run juice only, 30% new French oak

Bottled: March 5, 2010

Alcohol: 14.5% pH: 3.74 TA: 5.8 g/L

Cases Produced: 147