

## 2009 FUSION RED AN EXCEPTIONAL RED WINE BLENDED FROM LODI'S FINEST VINEYARDS

Fusion is a deftly composed modern blend that has its roots in the ancient past. Steve Borra's grandfather used the traditional method of field blend planting to create a combination of grapes in a single vineyard that work together to blend his wine. After harvesting the vineyard, the blend was already made, with each varietal contributing a special element of flavor and character to the wine.

Fast-forward to the present and you'll find Steve Borra using modern-day advances informed by time-honored, traditional Italian winegrape growing to nuture our vines for this fusion of Lodi's best winegrape varieties. Rather than a field blend, each vineyard block is harvested only when perfectly ripe, with lots vinified separately, leveraging the latest high-end winemaking techniques.

## Tasting Notes

A jammy and spicy fragrance of black pepper, cloves and even black licorice delivers strawberries and figs with vanilla bean and Earl Grey tea. Tart red plums and a dash of pepper on top of fine chalky tannins and vibrant acidity captivate the mouth and turn to bright spicy cherries and red raspberries that seem to never end. Best with grilled beef ribs, dry-rubbed with black pepper and garlic.

## **Statistics**

Appellation: Lodi

Blend: 79% Syrah, 15% Petite Sirah, 5% Zinfandel,

1% Alicante Bouschet

Harvested: October 2009

Bottled: August 10, 2011

Alcohol: 14.9% pH: 3.68 TA: 5.73 g/L

Cases Produced: 500



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