



2009 2:30 A.M. MERLOT

STEVE BORRA'S HOME RANCH 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 vines growing just north of the winery, within a stone's throw of Steve's home. Only 115 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 plums with black rose petals, giving way to a scoop of cloves and shades of oak. These echo in your mouth, filled with dusty tannins, and leading to a long finish shifting from rich cedar-spiced pepperoni to pleasantly tart Boysenberries over time. An excellent partner with wood-fired pizza.

Statistics

Appellation:	Lodi (Home Ranch Vineyard)
Blend:	100% Merlot
Harvested:	October 2009
Bottled:	March 4, 2011
Alcohol:	14.9%
pH:	3.59
TA:	6.1 g/L
Cases Produced:	115
Sug. Retail Price:	\$18.00