



2009 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. Aged in 50% new French barrels for 16 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 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

Smoked sausage turns to brooding black raspberries whispfully mingle with deep dark chocolate suggesting a Viennese Sacher Torte, accompanied by coffee, black pepper and molasses, telegraphing the enormity of this wine. Smooth, chewy tannins embrace brawny black plum and rich violet flavors, transitioning to an encore finale of cinnamon black peppered espresso lasting seemingly forever. One of Lodi's biggest Syrahs.

Statistics

Appellation:	Clements Hills, Lodi
Blend:	100% Syrah, Clone 877
Harvested:	October 19, 2009
Winemaking:	Free-run juice only, 50% new French oak
Bottled:	March 4, 2011
Alcohol:	15.2%
pH:	3.64
TA:	5.6 g/L
Cases Produced:	141