



2011 FUSION RED

AN EXCEPTIONAL RED WINE BLENDED FROM LODI'S FINEST WINEGRAPE VARIETALS

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 nurture 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

The very cool 2011 vintage brought out a rich and creamy Haagen-Dazs strawberry flavor that nicely enhances the cherries we normally taste in this blend. You'll notice smooth, almost chalky tannins on the roof of your mouth moving to a lingering tartness, as if from a yoghurt, that combines with cola for a long finish. Take a whiff and deep notes of cherry, cloves, dark chocolate and forest floor will echo most of the flavors. If you're adventurous, you'll try a roasted duck drizzled with a beef-cherry reduction sauce, or go for an easy smoked ham.

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Statistics

Appellation:	Lodi		
Blend:	60% Syrah, 20% Petite Sirah, 17% Zinfandel, 3% Alicante Bouschet		
Harvested:	September-October 2011		
Cases:	592 bottled August 8, 2013		
Alcohol:	14.6%	RS:	4.89 g/L, <i>dry</i>
pH:	3.62	TA:	5.65 g/L

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