

## 2011 FUSION WHITE AN EXCEPTIONAL VIOGNIER-BASED WHITE WINE BLEND

For generations, Steve Borra and his family have used the traditional method of planting to create a field-blend 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. This is the inspiration for Fusion. Steve 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 high-end winemaking techniques.

## Tasting Notes

Our Rhône Viognier fuses with a pinch of German Gewürztraminer to produce a bright, explosive collision of lemon and honey aromas bonding with equal portions of tropical mango and white pepper. Chock-full of concentrated cream of lemon, Mandarin orange and grapefruit enmeshed in refreshing steely minerality with a generous helping of lemongrass and cantaloupe on the extremely satisfying lengthy finish. One of the few wines we know that can dance harmoniously with asparagus. Even better with a catch of fresh Shrimp Scampi. If you had your eyes closed, you'd probably be fooled into thinking this was a Sauvignon blanc.

## **Statistics**

Appellation: Lodi

Blend: 91% Viognier, 9% Gewürztraminer

Harvested: October 5, 2011

Winemaking: Cold-fermented and aged in 100% stainless steel

Bottled: March 9, 2012

Cases produced: 150

Alcohol: 13.6%

pH: 3.6

TA: 6.3 g/L