



GOLD MEDAL WINNER  
SAN FRANCISCO  
INTERNATIONAL  
WINE COMPETITION

## 2012 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. Nowadays, 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

Our favorite crowd-pleaser is a deliciously dry, complex fusion of Lodi's best winegrape varieties. If this wine were a food, you'd swear it was a gorgeous slab of Chinese pork spare ribs, glazed and cooked to form a slightly charred, eminently delectable crust. Dip that in a sour cherry-clove, mouth-filling sauce and you're set for the evening. Typical of fine age-worthy wines, you'll notice smooth, almost chalky tannins on the roof of your mouth moving to a lingering tartness. And if you concentrate, you'll also find some notes of plums, meaty black cherries, rich wood, and rose petals dancing in your nose. To quench your hunger, throw those ribs on the barbie, or make a 911 call for Chinese take out. (10/23/2014)

### Statistics

Appellation:	Lodi		
Blend:	60% Syrah, 20% Petite Sirah, 17% Zinfandel, 3% Alicante Bouschet		
Harvested:	September 26-October 19, 2012		
Cases:	660 bottled August 8, 2014		
Alcohol:	14.1%	RS:	2.13 g/L, dry
pH:	3.51	TA:	5.54 g/L

Borra. Drink different.