

"Borra now produces the most
'contemporary' style wines grown
in Lodi today, period."

– Randy Caparoso

## 2013 ARTIST SERIES KERNER BLEND A CONTEMPORARY COLLABORATION OF ARTISTS

Borra's Artist Series is a local long-term collaboration between four disciplines of art. Graphic design students at the University of the Pacific in Stockton submit label designs annually in a competition of sorts. A pre-press artist at MPI Label Systems of Stockton then skillfully creates dies and plates to print the labels to realize the design. The Koth family of Mokelumne Glen Vineyards practices the refined art of winegrowing to yield the grapes which winemaker Markus Niggli harvests on the earlier side to craft into the final blend completely naturally with native yeasts and no oak. The result is a very small-production, completely contemporary-style wine that plays extremely well with a range of foods.

## Tasting Notes

Our winemaker nicknamed this Kerner-based blend "Vinho Verde" after the popular Portuguese style of bottling wine so quickly after crush that not all the natural carbonation has dissipated. This is a no-holds-barred intense shot of pure lime and gorgeous kiwi fruit layered in minerality that is incredibly refreshing. And that carbonation brings a sizzling spritziness that will make your mouth water for Fettuccine Alfredo with Shrimp, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or a decadent Triple Cream Cheese. The lively limes will keep dancing on your tongue for the better part of an hour - no kidding! (03/08/2014)

## **Statistics**

Appellation: Lodi (Mokelumne Glen Vineyards)

Blend: 50% Kerner, 25% Riesling, 25% Bacchus

Harvested: August 22-September 2, 2013

Winemaking: 3 weeks stainless steel cold-fermented, native yeasts

Cellar: 5 months, 100% stainless steel
Cases: 42 bottled January 23, 2014

Alcohol: 13.5% RS: 2.5 g/L, *dry* pH: 2.83 TA: 8.24 g/L

Retail Price: \$18.99/750 mL

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