



2013 FINESSE

STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK RANCH RED BLEND

We found the perfect spot for growing Lodi Cabernet over a decade ago, not far from a bend in the cool Mokelumne River. Each year we express these Cabernet vines in this finely-balanced, seriously delicious beauty we call "Finesse." The vineyard blocks are harvested only when perfectly ripe, and then fermented separately by native yeasts. This vintage is tasting very much like a classic Bordeaux with a traditional blend of a bit more Cabernet than Merlot, and honestly nothing else.

Tasting Notes

Experienced tasters will recognize the California "New-World" ripe meaty plum and sour cherry fruit, as opposed to "Old-World" earthiness. There's even some of that cassis that we in the biz write about, along with a hint of Cab/Merlot-characteristic bell pepper. We'll even go so far to say we've made one of the best 2013 Bordeaux-style blends you can get in Lodi. Try it and let us know. Meanwhile, conjure up a hearty beef stew, or get the guy to grill a rib-eye steak with a bit of bleu cheese atop. (02/27/2016)

Statistics

Appellation:	Lodi		
Blend:	60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot		
Harvested:	September 25-28, 2013		
Winemaking:	Native fermentation, free-run juice only, sterile filtered		
Cellar:	22 months, 40% new French oak		
Cases:	136 bottled August 7, 2015		
Alcohol:	14.4%	RS:	0.78 g/L, dry
pH:	3.48	TA:	6.02 g/L



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