



2013 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK RANCH VINEYARD ESTATE BOTTLED

This Zinfandel vineyard was planted more than forty years ago overlooking the Mokelumne River, and it benefits from Lodi's specific *terroir* so famed for the cultivation of Zinfandel. This is a wine that comes from the heart of our vineyard, where Steve Borra combines traditional Italian winegrape-growing with modern-day advances to nurture his vines. Grapes are picked only when perfectly ripe, then vinified leveraging the latest in high-end winemaking techniques.

Tasting Notes

This is what classic old vine Zin is supposed to taste like: seamless decadent fruit held in balance by rounded dusty tannins, possessing just the right amount of concentration without being syrupy, and certainly not thin. Nothing is amped-up or over-the-top, nor unnaturally sweet or non-descript. (Maybe you can guess that we're super-excited about this Zin!) The best wines defy description, but if we must: you might consider a slightly tart blackberry pie with a molasses influence. Just think, "dark and ridiculously delicious." Time to pay the corkage fee and shell out for an extremely-fine cut of steak, like a juicy Filet or thick New York, and realize that you're getting a world-class experience for a fraction of the cost of those high-rent appellations. (07/27/2015)

Statistics

Appellation:	Gill Creek Ranch, Clements Hills, Lodi (planted in 1968)		
Blend:	100% Zinfandel		
Harvested:	September 5, 2013		
Winemaking:	Free-run juice only		
Cellar:	20 months 40% new French oak		
Cases:	170 bottled May 27, 2015		
Alcohol:	14.5%	RS:	1.21 g/L <i>dry</i>
pH:	3.69	TA:	5.63 g/L



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