



## 2014 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, super-savory, complex fusion of Lodi's best red winegrape varieties. Cutting the chase to food: how about Teriyaki-marinated skirt steak or Chinese pork spare ribs as you drink this right now? Those sort of Asian dishes seem to be a heaven-made marriage with this vintage, and many of the previous Fusion vintages, too. The wine carries an up-front boat-load of tart red cherries, plums and strawberries with a healthy dash of spicy pepper thrown in. These rest on a backbone of nice acidity, bringing everything in balance. Leave a half-full glass next to the Jacuzzi for some wine aromatherapy of plush rose petals, oak essence and bowls of fruit perfuming the air. (01/30/2017)

### Statistics

Appellation:	Lodi		
Blend:	60% Syrah, 14% Petite Sirah, 25% Zinfandel, 1% Mourvèdre		
Harvested:	August 28-September 22, 2014		
Cases:	240 bottled August 8, 2016		
Alcohol:	14.7%	RS:	0.40 g/L <i>dry</i>
pH:	3.57	TA:	6.08 g/L

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