



## 2014 INTENSO

### STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK RANCH RED BLEND

Mostly from the sweet spot of our Gill Creek Ranch Vineyard we reserved a few special barrels that were more intensely concentrated than all the others. Each vineyard block is harvested only when perfectly ripe, and those lots are fermented separately by native yeasts. These special, best barrels are then blended together, creating this intense wine.

### Tasting Notes

Tastewise, it's like you took your million-times-better-than-store-bought, backyard-grown, sweet cherry tomatoes, cut them in half, then topped them with liberal dashes of freshly-ground pepper. Very savory sweetness balanced perfectly by tartness, all enveloped in generous age-worthy polished tannins. If you take time to put your nose in the glass, you'll tease-out smoky-charred steak with black licorice and spicy mint. Need an appetizer? Pair up Gouda – not smoked – with salami or fatty prosciutto with this wine and you're more than good to go. Warning: this is not a one-glass wine by any means. (11/01/2016)

### Statistics

Appellation:	Lodi (Gill Creek Ranch)		
Blend:	30% Zinfandel, 30% Merlot, 30% Petite Sirah, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon		
Harvested:	August 28 - September 26, 2014		
Winemaking:	Native fermentation, free-run juice only, best lots blended together. Sterile filtered		
Cellar:	22 months 40% new French oak		
Cases:	115 bottled August 8, 2016		
Alcohol:	14.4%	RS:	0.30 g/L <i>dry</i>
pH:	3.68	TA:	5.69 g/L



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