



2014 MERLOT

STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK RANCH ESTATE BOTTLED

At 2:30 in the morning, Steve Borra gets up and hops on his tractor to protect his highest quality Merlot against frost and mildew. These Merlot grapes are selected from vines growing just north of the town of Clements, east of Lodi, in our Clements Hills Gill Creek Ranch vineyard. Only 80 cases are made of this naturally fermented, barrel-aged, hand-crafted wine, leveraging the latest in high-end winemaking techniques.

Tasting Notes

This year's Merlot from our Gill Creek Ranch delivers long-lasting flavors that suggest steely, meaty black cherries and pomegranate, lending a certain tartness. Those cherries edge-out last year's baskets and baskets of rose petals, with all those fruits and flowers going down nice and oh-so-smooth. Take some freshly-chopped garden tomatoes and bruschetta them onto toast, or grab a strip of beef jerky and rip some off with your teeth, then chase it with ample sips. Sniff some sundried tomato and that beef jerky and you'll swear you're smelling this wine. Wine geeks: we've got a nice acid balance with just the right tannins; rich, but not at all sugar sweet. (11/01/2016)

Statistics

Appellation:	Clements Hills, Lodi (Gill Creek Ranch)		
Blend:	100% Merlot		
Harvested:	September 13, 2014		
Winemaking:	Free-run juice only		
Cellar:	18 months 40% new French oak		
Cases:	80 bottled March 27, 2016		
Alcohol:	14.3%	RS:	0.29 g/L <i>dry</i>
pH:	3.45	TA:	6.22 g/L
Retail Price:	\$19.99/750 mL		



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