



## 2014 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

### STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK RANCH VINEYARD

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This Zinfandel vineyard was planted almost fifty 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 really should taste like: seamless decadent fruit held in balance by super-velvety-smooth, chalky tannins – a big brawny brooding Zin. Black cherries and plums come to mind when trying to imagine the fruit. Then there's that sort of melted-dark-chocolate-with-coffee experience going on ahead of a long, satisfying finish. Nothing is amped-up or over-the-top, nor unnaturally sweet or non-descript. Time to pay the corkage fee and shell out for a juicy thick New York steak with seared-on grill marks and realize that you're getting a world-class experience for a fraction of the cost of those high-rent appellations. (07/31/2016)

### Statistics

Appellation:	Gill Creek Ranch, Clements Hills, Lodi (planted in 1968)		
Blend:	100% Zinfandel		
Harvested:	August 28, 2014 by hand at dawn		
Winemaking:	Free-run juice only		
Cellar:	18 months 40% new French oak		
Cases:	152 bottled March 27, 2016		
Alcohol:	15.1%	RS:	0.20 g/L <i>dry</i>
pH:	3.62	TA:	6.20 g/L

Borra. Drink different.