



## 2009 FIELD BLEND

### STEVE BORRA'S HOME RANCH & CHURCH BLOCK MEMBERS RESERVE

Generations of winegrape farmers used to grow a mix of interspersed grape varieties in a field of vines then crush them all together on the same day, creating a “field blend” of beautiful garnet red. This wine bottles that tradition.

Steve Borra is a time-honored, traditional Italian winegrape-grower, using modern-day advances to nurture his vines. Each vineyard block is harvested only when perfectly ripe, with lots vinified separately, leveraging high-end winemaking techniques. Members Reserve wines are exclusively grown and made for our cherished and devoted *La Dolce Vita* Wine Sampler Club members.

### Tasting Notes

This band of grapes turns in a performance that is very lively, nimble – not heavy – and certainly not wimpy, with shifting bright fruit aromas of red currant, pomegranate, sarsaparilla, and a potpourri of jasmine, lavender, and roses, riding an intriguing muskiness. Dusty tannins support focused fruit flavors combining with good acidity to build perfect sweet-tartness. A touch of cedar and a nice creamy mocha Tiramisu sing on the finale. Very versatile with foods and may even substitute for a superb Pinot Noir.

### Statistics

Appellation:	Lodi (Home Ranch & Church Block)
Blend:	55% Barbera, 20% Carignane, 14% Petite Sirah, 11% Alicante Bouschet
Harvested:	October 2, 2009
Bottled:	March 4, 2011
Cases produced:	156
Alcohol:	14.9%
pH:	3.52
TA:	6.80 g/L