



2009 FINESSE

STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK RANCH & HOME RANCH MEMBERS RESERVE

A decade ago, we thought we'd found the perfect spot for growing Lodi Cabernet, but we never quite nailed it... That is, until now. The secret lies in the coming together of a cool growing season and 40% Merlot to round out our new Bordeaux-style blend.

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

"Finesse" is the name for this voluptuous, yet finely-balanced, seriously delicious beauty. She wears a perfume of raspberry dark chocolate truffle that undulates with black cherry and coffee, developing a savory Chinese spare rib meatiness as the evening progresses. Swallow zingy-spiced bright cherries baked into a scrumptious pie topped with black raspberries along with pinches of tea leaves and cigar, and you'll be whisked off to ecstasy on a long stream of black licorice, cedar and cinnamon oil spices.

Statistics

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| Appellation: | Lodi (Gill Creek Ranch & Home Ranch) |
| Blend: | 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot |
| Harvested: | October 16-27, 2009 |
| Bottled: | August 10, 2011 |
| Cases produced: | 120 |
| Alcohol: | 14.5% |
| pH: | 3.80 |
| TA: | 5.84 g/L |