



2010 CHARDONNAY STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK RANCH MEMBERS RESERVE

The 2010 growing season was one of the coolest in decades, ideally suited to making our Burgundy-style 100% Chardonnay from our Clements Hills Gill Creek Ranch vineyard. We barrel-fermented this wine with *sur lie* stirring in 50% new French barrels for just the right touch of oak and added complexity.

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

Barrel-fermented with traditional stirring of the lees brings a subtle butteriness with a kiss of French oak to our vineyard's minerality and aromas of wild fruit along the lines of peach and baked apple. Very lively fresh tangerine and pineapple juice dance all the way through a long finish where you may almost sense savory sourdough.

Statistics

Appellation:	Lodi
Blend:	100% Chardonnay
Harvested:	September 17, 2010
Winemaking:	Fermented and aged in 50% new French oak. Lees stirred every 10 days.
Bottled:	March 4, 2011
Cases produced:	112
Alcohol:	14.9%
pH:	3.34
TA:	5.80 g/L