

2012 PETITE SIRAH STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK RANCH MEMBERS RESERVE

Steve Borra is a time-honored, traditional Italian winegrape-grower, using modern-day advances to nuture his vines. Petite Sirah is sort of Lodi's Pinot Noir – a notoriously challenging grape to grow. In years when this late-ripening grape squeaks in just before the first October rains – like 2012 – you can get an amazing combination of European high-quality structure with exquisite fruit.

Members Reserve wines are exclusively grown and made for our cherished and devoted *La Dolce Vita* Wine Sampler Club members.

Tasting Notes

You get an elegance in the glass, with some dusty earthy oaked herbs, plums and anise, then lingering black raspberries amongst chalky tannins. Lots of satisfying fruit here with the right supporting structure. Ask for our recipe for braised beef short ribs to go with this, you won't regret it. (08/16/2014)

Statistics

Appellation: Gill Creek Ranch, Clements Hills, Lodi

Blend: 100% Petite Sirah

Harvested: October 19, 2012 just before rain

Winemaking: Free-run juice only, 18 months 40% new French oak

Cases: 96 bottled March 7, 2014

Alcohol: 14.1% RS: 0.49 g/L *dry* pH: 3.50 TA: 5.58 g/L



Borra. Drink different.