



2014 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 nurture 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 2014 – 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

We've had back-to-back vintages delivering a pleasing rounded mouthful of nice dusty tannins wrapped around melted dark chocolate over sour black cherries, but with even more bacon-like savory richness this year. The touch of sweetness in the fruit plays with the tannins to give the perception of very expensive oak that will appeal to fans of big wines, but a tarry earthiness to keep things from blowing up into an outright fruit bomb. The stuffing is there for long-term aging, but if you can't wait, put some grill marks on a New York steak with a decadent rim of juicy fat and have a feast. (05/17/2016)

Statistics

Appellation:	Gill Creek Ranch, Clements Hills, Lodi		
Blend:	94% Petite Sirah, 6% Petit Verdot		
Harvested:	September 22, 2014 by hand at dawn		
Winemaking:	Free-run juice only, 18 months 40% new French oak		
Cases:	142 bottled March 27, 2016, sterile filtered		
Alcohol:	14.2%	RS:	0.40 g/L <i>dry</i>
pH:	3.44	TA:	5.71 g/L

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