



2005 MERLOT

STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK VINEYARD ESTATE BOTTLED

At 2:30 in the morning, Steve Borra gets up and hops on his tractor to protect his highest quality Merlot against frost and mildew. These Merlot grapes are selected from the best low-vigor 11-acre block of Borra's Gill Creek Vineyard. Only 443 cases are made of this naturally fermented, barrel-aged, hand-crafted wine, bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

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 the latest in high-end winemaking techniques.

Tasting Notes

Our full-bodied, middle-of-the-night Merlot will bowl you over with up-front, big jammy black currants and cherries, giving way to shades of chocolatey oak and black pepper. Underneath these luscious layers is the classic bell pepper signature of the Merlot grape, accompanied by a touch of spicy pepperoni on the amazingly long finish, providing an excellent partner with wood-fired pizza.

Statistics

Blend:	100% Merlot
Vintage:	2005
Alcohol:	14.8%
pH:	3.39
TA:	0.62 gm/100mL
Cases Produced:	443
Sug. Retail Price:	\$18