

## 2010 FUSION RED AN EXCEPTIONAL RED WINE BLENDED FROM LODI'S FINEST VINEYARDS

Fusion is a deftly composed modern blend that has its roots in the ancient past. Steve Borra's grandfather used the traditional method of field blend planting to create a combination of grapes in a single vineyard that work together to blend his wine. After harvesting the vineyard, the blend was already made, with each varietal contributing a special element of flavor and character to the wine.

Fast-forward to the present and you'll find Steve Borra using modern-day advances informed by time-honored, traditional Italian winegrape growing to nuture our vines for this fusion of Lodi's best winegrape varieties. Rather than a field blend, each vineyard block is harvested only when perfectly ripe, with lots vinified separately, leveraging the latest high-end winemaking techniques.

## Tasting Notes

You can almost smell the vineyard amongst layers of brewing coffee, oak, and semi-sweet chocolate wrapped around a filling of fresh raspberries. Incredibly racy this year and very dark in terms of dark chocolate, blackberries, raspberries and lots of bold spice that morphs into an excellent cherry enveloped in chocolate refusing to leave your tongue. Best with grilled beef ribs, dry-rubbed with black pepper and garlic.

## **Statistics**

Appellation: Lodi

Blend: 67% Syrah, 15% Petite Sirah, 15% Zinfandel,

2% Mourvèdre, 1% Alicante Bouschet

Harvested: September-October 2010

Bottled: August 10, 2012

Alcohol: 14.8% pH: 3.49 TA: 6.0 g/L

Cases Produced: 450

