2010 HERITAGE FIELD BLEND RED
STEVE BORRA'S HOME RANCH & CHURCH BLOCK

Before the crack of dawn, vineyard foreman Manuel Maldonado and crew take a 3 minute tractor drive down Armstrong Road to hand-pick 90-plus-year-old head-trained vines from Steve Borra's daughter's front yard that we call the "Church Block." Those bins are added to just-picked Barbera from around the winery, and everything ferments together in one tank, naturally, with no added yeast, hence the name, "Field Blend." This is traditional winemaking and grape growing handed down from one generation to the next in the Borra family, now honored with our new "Heritage" label.

Tasting Notes

Field blend winemaking creates one of our most unique and awesome wines. Wild fragrances of rich black cherries or black currant, bathed in a tapestry of an incredibly-reduced demi-glace of beef broth, shift untamed with perhaps smoky bacon or cloves or scorched earth. Luscious tangy black cherries and the concentrated essence of blackberries with molasses and coffee strike a powerful and exciting balance that is always enticing, but couldn't be termed sweet. The flavors dance for minutes before resolving into cedar and textured deep rose petals. Very versatile with foods, especially great with rosemary roasted lamb, duck or virtually any beef topped with a reduction sauce. In many ways, our Heritage is itself a sauce in a glass. *(11/04/12)*

Statistics

Appellation:	Lodi (Mokelumne River *sub-AVA*)		
Blend:	47% Barbera, 22% Petite Sirah, 18% Alicante Bouschet, 13% Carignane		
Harvested:	October 5, 2010		
Winemaking:	All winegrapes native co-fermented, free run juice only		
Cellar:	22 months 45% new French oak		
Cases:	250 bottled August 10, 2012		
Alcohol:	14.9%	RS:	0.02 g/L, *dry*
pH:	3.26	TA:	6.62 g/L

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"Unequivocally, deliciously and deliriously fantastic – a red wine for the ages with luscious flavors barely contained by zesty yet viscous textured, medium-full bodied sensations, flowing like proverbial rivers of Babylon."
– Randy Caparoso

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