



2011 47.5° SYRAH

STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK RANCH LIMITED EDITION

This 100% Syrah is the perfect expression of our Gill Creek Ranch vineyard, oriented at 47.5° from north for optimal, even ripening, producing 4 Tons per acre. Fermentation is accomplished with native yeasts and native malo-lactic bacteria. Grapes are never pressed, but rather naturally free-run drained overnight. Aged in 50% new French barrels for 18 months for just the right touch of oak and added complexity.

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

With this relatively cool vintage, you won't find the usual Lodi jamminess, but rather a more classic, hearty wine, neither sharp nor acidic, and certainly not wimpy. To get a sense of the extraordinary aromas, try imagining dipping a tempting slice of smoked bacon into dark chocolate with a bowl of black raspberries and figs nearby. When you take a healthy swig you're sinking your teeth into the meat of a juicy plum and a flame-grilled, pepper-seasoned Filet Mignon, drizzled with bittersweet chocolate shavings. (01/17/2014)

Statistics

Appellation:	Clements Hills, Lodi		
Blend:	50% Syrah, Clone 470, 50% Syrah, Clone 877		
Harvested:	October 15, 2011		
Winemaking:	Filtered, only free-run juice		
Cellar:	18 months, 50% new French oak		
Cases:	115 bottled August 8, 2013		
Alcohol:	14.3%	RS:	0.52 g/L <i>dry</i>
pH:	3.57	TA:	5.57 g/L



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