



2011 OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK RANCH VINEYARD ESTATE BOTTLED

This Zinfandel vineyard was planted more than forty years ago overlooking the Mokelumne River, and it benefits from Lodi's specific *terroir* so famed for the cultivation of Zinfandel. This is a wine that comes from the heart of our vineyard, where Steve Borra combines traditional Italian winegrape-growing with modern-day advances to nurture his vines. Grapes are picked only when perfectly ripe, then vinified leveraging the latest in high-end winemaking techniques.

Tasting Notes

Combine Lodi's famous old vines with a very cool growing season and you've got the makings of an extremely accessible Zin without the burning alcohol or puckering acid. It's all about cherries this vintage: from black cherry, plum and bacon aromas, to flavors conjuring an absolutely decadent rich sauce of cherries jubilee accompanied by cola, violets and plum, wrapped with easy-drinking cinnamon-like tannins on the full-bodied finish. A wine that would be equally at home with some savory Chinese spareribs or a slice of flourless chocolate cake. (04/27/13)

Statistics

Appellation:	Gill Creek Ranch, Clements Hills, Lodi (planted in 1968)		
Blend:	95% Zinfandel, 5% Merlot		
Harvested:	September 21, 2011		
Winemaking:	Free-run juice only		
Cellar:	17 months, 40% new French oak		
Cases:	260 bottled March 7, 2013		
Alcohol:	15%	RS:	0.05 g/L, dry
pH:	3.51	TA:	6.47 g/L

