



2012 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

This is what Lodi old vine Zin is supposed to taste like: jammy fruit, very well-balanced, possessing the right amount of concentration without being syrupy, and certainly not thin. There is a super-interesting orange juice-like tang on top of rounded raspberries and ripe tomatoes meeting up with cinnamon, and – dare we say it – “Hot Tamales” at the tail end that lend a certain touch of fruit-derived sweetness. The oakness (made-up word) makes for a really nice sniff, as if roses were laid out on a silver platter of marinated red raspberries. In a hurry? Open that bag of BBQ chips. Better yet, throw on soul-warming spaghetti with big fat meatballs, or earn beaucoup spouse points via a more ambitious Veal Parmesan with generous tomato sauce. (07/20/2014)

Statistics

Appellation:	Gill Creek Ranch, Clements Hills, Lodi (planted in 1968)		
Blend:	100% Zinfandel		
Harvested:	September 26, 2012		
Winemaking:	Free-run juice only		
Cellar:	16 months, 40% new French oak		
Cases:	220 bottled March 7, 2014		
Alcohol:	14.8%	RS:	0.42 g/L, <i>dry</i>
pH:	3.59	TA:	5.78 g/L

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