



2011 PETITE SIRAH

STEVE BORRA'S GILL CREEK RANCH MEMBERS RESERVE

Steve Borra is a time-honored, traditional Italian winegrape-grower, using modern-day advances to nurture his vines. Petite Sirah is sort of Lodi's Pinot Noir – a notoriously challenging grape to grow. In years when this late-ripening grape comes in before the first October rains, you can get an amazing combination of European high-quality structure with exquisite fruit.

Members Reserve wines are exclusively grown and made for our cherished and devoted *La Dolce Vita* Wine Sampler Club members.

Tasting Notes

The cool 2011 vintage was perfect for Petite Sirah, producing interwoven aromas of beef broth and bacon with jammy Boysenberry and vanilla bean. There is an elegance to this normally in-your-face, brawny wine, that tastes like luscious rich black cherries and semi-sweet chocolate, balanced by a slight tartness from blackberries and later by anisette spice. The classic pairing would be tender braised beef short ribs, but if you're daring, try beef enchiladas in a traditional brown tomatillo sauce. (11/10/2013)

Statistics

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| Appellation: | Gill Creek Ranch, Clements Hills, Lodi (Lodi Rules) | | |
| Blend: | 100% Petite Sirah | | |
| Harvested: | October 14, 2011 | | |
| Cases: | 192 bottled August 8, 2013 | | |
| Alcohol: | 14.1% | RS: | 2.51 g/L, dry |
| pH: | 3.63 | TA: | 5.15 g/L |



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