



2015 ROSÉ

BORRA'S GILL CREEK RANCH & CHURCH BLOCK MEMBERS RESERVE

We'll come right out and say that this is not a "by design" rosé, meaning we don't purposely pick the grapes early for this one barrel's worth of wine. It's more a case of not wanting to throw away most-excellent "extra" juice that we bleed off of our best Syrah the day after crush to effectively concentrate it. About a third of the blend is laboriously hand-bailed using a glamorous plastic pitcher from the cold-soaking bins of our crushed Carignane grapes. Members Reserve wines are exclusively grown and made for our cherished and devoted *La Dolce Vita* Wine Sampler Club members.

Tasting Notes

Two nearly blood-red rosés become one, with strawberries and cherries curling around steely watermelon aromas, accompanied by a touch of mother earth and a hint of honey. A sip starts a rollercoaster of refreshment with lurking tannins of Syrah lending a bit of weightiness. Tons of fruit race by, but you couldn't really call them outright sweet. This is watermelon-meets-guava as that coaster climbs before the exhilarating drop into loops of red raspberries and strawberries with a touch of carnival cotton candy. The perfect pairing would be a pool filled with polka dot bikinis. (03/10/2016)

Statistics

Appellation:	Lodi (Gill Creek Ranch and Church Block)	
Blend:	63% Syrah, 37% Carignane	
Harvested:	September 24-31, 2015	
Fermentation:	50°F 10 days steel, native yeasts, no ML	
Cellar:	4 months, 100% stainless steel	
Cases:	23 bottled January 14, 2016, sterile filtered	
Alcohol:	14.2%	RS: 4.16 g/L <i>dry</i>
pH:	3.11	TA: 5.00 g/L



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