



2014 IRONSTONE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINE DATA

Producer

Ironstone Vineyards

Region

Sierra Foothills, California

Country

United States

Wine Composition

80% Cabernet
Sauvignon,
10% Cabernet Franc,
6% Merlot,
4% Petit Verdot

Alcohol

15.0%

Total Acidity

6.64 G/L

Residual Sugar

2.5 G/L

pH

3.81

DESCRIPTION

The 2014 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is seductive and full-bodied, exuding aromas of fresh berries, black currants and black cherries that are laced with eucalyptus, cedar and mint. Big and powerful, yet elegant, this Cabernet exhibits flavors of sweet dark blackberry and plum with soft, creamy vanilla that plays well with the unique mineral qualities found only in wines from Sierra Foothill vineyards.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Located at 2,400 feet above sea level, these grapes were Estate-grown at Ironstone's Hay Station Ranch vineyard, where warm days are cooled by the evening mountain air. This area's unique soil of decomposed granite mixed with volcanic sediment and red clay produces a wonderful mineral component. The winery practices sustainable viticultural practices such as crop reduction, leaf removal, organic materials and drip irrigation to improve the quality of the grapes and intensity of flavors. Cover crops, which attract beneficial insects, are also employed, as well as the placement of owl and wood duck boxes around the vineyards and ponds to help preserve the surrounding habitats. After traditional fermentation, the wine is transferred into small French and American oak barrels and aged in Ironstone's underground caverns (which remain a natural 60° F all year round) for 20 months, to ensure a fuller, richer, finer wine.

SERVING HINTS

Serve at room temperature with a variety of grilled meats, lamb chops and strong flavored cheeses. It also is an excellent choice to accompany chocolate desserts..