



2017 IRONSTONE CABERNET FRANC



WINE DATA

Producer
Ironstone Vineyards
Region
Lodi, California
Country
United States

Wine Composition
85% Cabernet Franc,
10% Cabernet
Sauvignon,
5% Merlot
Alcohol
13.5%
Total Acidity
5.8 G/L
Residual Sugar
2.5 G/L
pH
3.54

DESCRIPTION

Cabernet Franc is an ancient French grape varietal linked as one of Cabernet Sauvignon's parent grapes (crossed with Sauvignon Blanc) Well balanced and medium-bodied. Expressive aromas of bright red berry fruits mixed with a light spice and a hint of fresh herbs lead to flavors of red cherry and raspberry, with vanilla-oak undertones.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The grapes come from two Lodi sub-AVAs – Alta Mesa and Sloughouse. Alta Mesa sits at elevations between 50 and 100 feet above sea level and is blessed with red clay and loam soils. Sloughouse reaches elevations up to 590 feet above sea level with a more diverse topography, complete with bedrock and slightly warmer climate. 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 Cabernet Franc is aged for 2 months in new French oak.

SERVING HINTS

Serve at room temperature or slightly chilled with grilled meats, fowl (turkey, chicken), roasted pork tenderloin, as well as rich, dark chocolate desserts.