



2016 IRONSTONE RESERVE CABERNET FRANC



WINE DATA

Producer

Ironstone Vineyards

Region

Sierra Foothills, California

Country

United States

Wine Composition

85% Cabernet Franc,
8% Petite Sirah,
4% Zinfandel,
3% Cabernet
Sauvignon

Alcohol

14.5%

Total Acidity

5.6 G/L

Residual Sugar

3.0 G/L

pH

3.90

DESCRIPTION

This 2016 Reserve Cabernet Franc is an elegant, rich yet soft wine. With fleshy black cherry, blackberry and spicy oak aromas, this seductive wine can be enjoyed now or cellared for a few years. Succulent dark fruit flavors of plum, black cherry with a hint of sweet oak fills the palate and gives way to a smooth, medium-length finish.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Located at 2,400 ft. above sea level, these grapes were estate-grown at the winery's Hay Station Ranch vineyard, where warm days are cooled by the evening mountain air. The area's unique soil of decomposed granite mixed with volcanic sediment and red clay produce a wonderful mineral component. Grapes have been grown in the Sierra Foothills for 150 years. 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 undergoing extended fermentation and maceration, the wine was transferred into small oak barrels (French and American) and placed into the winery's underground cellars (at a natural temperature of 60° F) for 24 months which slowly lowers the wine's alcohol while preserving its concentration of flavor.

SERVING HINTS

This wine pairs well with both light and hearty dishes, and is an excellent choice for Chicken Marsala, roasted pork with apple stuffing, as well as roasted or grilled meats and salads featuring fruit and blue cheese crumbles.