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The Kautz Family
Gail and John Kautz and their four children, Stephen, Kurt, Joan and Jack.
“BEST WINERY VISIT”

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“You may have never heard of one of the very best winery visits anywhere. By this time next year, it may have earned the title of “number one destination winery” in California.

Ironstone is owned by the Kautz family, who are really big in lots of different kinds of agriculture, which provided the wherewithal to get really serious about the wine business in a relatively short period of time. The family farm has been built into an 8000 acres of a variety of crops, including cherries and apples, and more than 4000 acres of winegrapes. Located in the Lodi-Woodbridge region in the Sierra Foothills, Ironstone Winery takes its name from the impossibly hard schist and limestone formations from which the winery’s foundation and companion caverns were blasted and drilled.

So what has impressed and excited this jaded old wine scribe who has seen it all? First there’s the state of the art winery operation that’s seven stories high with an ironstone façade and landscaping that keeps ten gardeners busy. Then, the tasting room sets on the top level complete with art gallery, a 32 foot antique bar that traveled around Cape Horn from Europe long ago. A fresh deli, dining area inside and out, gourmet shopping and just outside, shaded picnic areas alongside its own creek and pond. An elevator level down, Ironstone has a hotel-quality kitchen complete with executive chef, and capability of doing world class banquets for hundreds. The “music room” has the original historic pipe organ saved from Sacramento’s Alhambra Theatre with an amphitheater that can accommodate 5000 folks and features top name entertainers.

I’ll tell you next week just how good the wines, brandies and grappas are, which is the real reason to visit.”

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Ironstone winery is ranked #6 in total wine grape acreage and #7 in total grape acreage in California.

http://www.growingproduce.com/fruits-nuts/2013-top-grape-growers/
• Vineyards located in Lodi and Sierra Foothills appellations

• Family owns over 6425 acres (2,600 hectares) of vineyards.

• Varieties include Chardonnay, Symphony, Viognier, Verdelho, Muscat Canelli, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Souzoa, Malbec, Petite Verdot and many more.

• Vineyard locations offer diverse geography, soils and climates to provide varietally correct, complex wines.
LODI APPELLATION

- Located 99 miles (160 km) east of San Francisco
- Major wine grape growing region since the 1850s
- Appellation approved by the Federal government in 1986
- More than 88,950 acres (36,000 hectares), 750 growers
- Annual yield comprises 20% of California’s total wine grape production
Total area is 170 miles (274 km) long, located alongside the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range and includes 2,471,053 acres (1 million total hectares) of land.

Wine grape plantings are over 5683 acres (2,300 hectares).

985-2950 feet (300-900 meters) above sea level with shallow, granite, volcanic and clay soils.
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SUSTAINABLE VITICULTURE PRACTICES

- Family has practiced for over 30 years
- Integrated Pest Management
- Cover crops, water management, soil fertility programs, vineyard trellis’, beneficial plants, insects and wildlife
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EVENTS

● Wine Tasting & Gourmet Deli
● Executive Chef Rob cooking series
● Weddings and private events
● Concours d’Elegance

● Gold rush Museum & Jewelry shop
● Conference facilities
● World’s largest gold piece on display
● Landscaped gardens
Sheryl Crow  
Carrie Underwood  
Alan Jackson  
The Fray  
Doobie Brothers  
Don Henley  
Lynyrd Skynyrd  

Reo Speedwagon  
Pat Benatar  
Sugarland  
Jason Mraz  
BB King/Etta James
IRONSTONE
WINEMAKING TEAM

Steve Millier

Craig Rous

Mary Sullivan
Olmo grapes are wine and table grape varieties produced by University of California, Davis viticulturist Dr. Harold Olmo. Over the course of his nearly 50-year career, Dr. Olmo bred a wide variety of both grapes by means of both crossing varieties from the same species or creating hybrid. Symphony is a crossing of the vinifera varieties Muscat of Alexandria and Grenache Gris that Dr. Olmo first began developing in 1948. It took over 30 years to complete crossing trials and produce a viable cultivar. Symphony was finally completed and introduced commercially in 1981 and patented in 1983. The Symphony grape makes a white wine with a slight spiciness with tree fruit aromas of citrus, apricot and peach.

**Obsession Symphony 2012 – Gold Medal**  
*2014 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*

**Obsession Symphony 2011 – Silver Medal**  
*2013 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*

**Obsession Symphony 2010 – Gold “Best of Show”**  
*California State Fair*
As each year varies in climate regions from year to year, we discover new benchmarks of Ironstone quality vintage after vintage. Ironstone Vineyards has celebrated many great harvests and the past year's was no exception. As a result of Mother Nature's good graces and our expert winemaking team, the current releases of our wines display rich fruit flavors and display unprecedented balance, depth and grace.
WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

The family philosophy of winemaking is that “quality wine grapes, a touch of artistry and patience create captivating elegant wines. Our Winemaker understands each grape variety, vineyard and how it develops during the growing season along with the effect that the soil and climate bring from both the Lodi and Sierra Foothills vineyards. The results are modern, fruit-forward, intense full flavored wines in our Reserve range.”