



2019 CABERNET FRANC



WINE DATA

Producer
Ironstone Vineyards

Region
Lodi, California

Country
United States

Wine Composition
79% Cabernet Franc

6% Merlot

6% RubiRed

5% Tannat

4% Petite Verdot

Alcohol
14.5%

Total Acidity
6.4 G/L

Residual Sugar
2.1 G/L

pH
3.43

DESCRIPTION

Balanced, with a medium body. Aromas of bright red berry fruits are mixed with a light spice and a hint of fresh herbs. The palate offers flavors of red cherry and raspberry with vanilla-oak undertones.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Cabernet Franc is an ancient French grape varietal linked as one of Cabernet Sauvignon's parent grapes (crossed with Sauvignon Blanc).

In 1926, the Kautz family began farming in the Lodi region. The winery grows the majority of its Cabernet Franc in two of Lodi's Sub-AVAs – Alta Mesa (100 feet above sea level) and Sloughhouse (590 feet above sea level with a more diverse topography, and slightly warmer climate). This wine is aged for 2 months in new French Oak. Ironstone Vineyards uses crop reduction, leaf removal, organic materials, and drip irrigation to improve the quality and intensity of flavors. Cover crops, which attract beneficial insects, are also employed. In addition, the winery places owl and wood duck boxes around the vineyards and ponds helping to preserve the surrounding habitats.

SERVING HINTS

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