



2021 IRONSTONE CHARDONNAY



WINE DATA

Producer
Ironstone Vineyards

Region
Lodi, California

Country
United States

Wine Composition
100% Chardonnay

Alcohol
13.5%

Total Acidity
4.9 G/L

Residual Sugar
1.9 G/L

pH
3.6

DESCRIPTION

The Ironstone Chardonnay exhibits refreshing aromas of fresh green apples, citrus and tropical fruits. As it dances across the palate, light citrus layered with fresh peaches, fills the mouth as soft vanilla and oak notes linger. Good acidity gives it a crisp balance with a creamy, medium-length finish.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Kautz Family was the first to plant Chardonnay in the Lodi region and, today, they grow Chardonnay in several of Lodi's sub-appellations, including Sloughhouse, Alta Mesa, and Mokelumne River. The grapes from these different vineyards, when combined, create a more complex wine than one location alone. The 2021 Chardonnay spent four months aging in new French and American oak.

The Kautz family has been promoting and working with sustainable viticulture for over 35 years. Crop reduction, leaf removal, organic materials and drip irrigation are used throughout the vineyards to improve the intensity of flavors and overall quality of the wine. Cover crops, which attract beneficial insects, are also employed. In addition, owl boxes and wood duck boxes are placed around the vineyards and ponds to help preserve the surrounding habitats.

SERVING HINTS

This Chardonnay is extremely versatile and pairs well with many types of cuisine. For a starter, try it with French onion soup. It's a classic with fish and shellfish. Trout almandine and grilled scallops are also excellent pairing choices.