



## WINE DATA

Producer  
Ironstone Vineyards

Region  
California

Country  
United States

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## Wine Composition

50% Zinfandel,  
40% Petite Sirah,  
10% Merlot

Alcohol  
13.5%

Total Acidity  
6.28 G/L

Residual Sugar  
3.8 G/L

pH  
3.57

## DESCRIPTION

Incredibly spicy aromas. Cloves and nutmeg; chocolate and vanilla beans give way to flavors of blueberries, plums, chocolate and mint that swirl in your mouth of this rich, well-balanced and full wine. The finish is bold and lengthy.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

The vineyards were selected from the winery's Lodi and Sierra Foothills vineyards, combining the sandy loam soils of Lodi with the iron-rich volcanic soils of the Sierra Foothills. Each variety in this wine encompasses the unique quality that is distinctive to it. The Zinfandel and Merlot come from the Lodi (sub-AVA Mokelumne River) which is primarily Tokay fine sandy loam soils with some clay mixed in. The Petite Sirah comes from the winery's vineyards in Lodi and Murphy's, which are full of iron and minerals. This wine is aged for five months in new French and American oak.

Ironstone practices sustainable viticulture, such as crop reduction, leaf removal, organic materials and drip irrigation to improve the quality of the grapes and intensity of the 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.

## SERVING HINTS

Obsession Red is an ideal complement to many types of cuisine, but is especially tasty with grilled meats such as rib-eye, pork, and barbecue chicken, in addition to slow-roasted veggie stew or an intensely-flavored pasta with wild mushrooms.