

2020 IRONSTONE RESERVE CABERNET FRANC



WINE DATA Producer

Ironstone Vineyards

Region

Sierra Foothills, California

<u>Country</u> United States

Wine Composition

85% Cabernet Franc, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon

<u>Alcohol</u>

14.5%

Total Acidity 5.7 G/L

Residual Sugar

3.5 G/L

pН

3.79

DESCRIPTION

This 2020 Reserve Cabernet Franc is an elegant, rich, yet soft wine. With fleshy black cherry, blackberry, and spicy oak aromas. This wine can be enjoyed now or cellared for a special occasion. On the palate, there are succulent, dark fruit flavors of plum, black cherry, and a hint of sweet oak. It offers a smooth, medium finish. It is also vegan-friendly.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Located at 2,400 feet 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. This 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 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 quality and intensity of flavors. 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.

This reserve wine was aged for 12 months in small French & American oak barrels.

SERVING HINTS

Pairs well with both light and hearty dishes. Excellent for chicken marsala and roasted or grilled red meats. Also great with salads such as with blue cheese crumbles, walnuts and Anjou pears.