

IRONSTONE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020

Sierra Foothills, California



IRONSTONE
Vineyards



TASTING NOTES: The nose presents aromas of fresh berries, blackcurrants and black cherries, laced with eucalyptus, cedar, cola and mint. Powerful yet elegant, the palate offers sweet blackberry and plum with creamy vanilla that plays well with the unique mineral qualities of Sierra Foothills terroir.

VITICULTURE: Located at 2400 feet above sea level, these grapes were estate-grown at the 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.

VINIFICATION: The grapes were picked at their peak and delivered to the winery after being selected by the winemaker. After undergoing extended fermentation and maceration, the wine was transferred into small oak barrels and placed into our underground caverns to ensure a fuller, richer, finer wine of true varietal character.

INTERESTING FACT: The caverns that house Ironstone's barrel-aged wines were hand-blasted by local miners, many whose families came to California in search of gold in the 1800's. These caverns naturally remain at 60°F year-round.

FAMILY: In 1926, the Kautz family began farming in the Lodi region and in 1958, John Kautz Farms was founded. In 1988, John and his wife Gail, along with their children, Stephen, Kurt, Joan and Jack, built a state-of-the-art winery and entertainment facility in the town of Murphys, the heart of the Gold Rush era, producing their first vintage in 1989. They followed this purchase with Bear Creek, one of the oldest continuously running wineries in Lodi, in 1997. Their vineyard holdings grew exponentially over the next 30 years, to 7,000 acres in both the Sierra Foothills and Lodi. Ironstone's location in Calaveras County, affectionately known as the "Queen of the Sierras," boasts mineral-rich, volcanic terroir, ideal for growing the wide range of varieties that run the gamut, from Chenin Blanc to Zinfandel.

PRODUCER: Ironstone Vineyards

REGION: Sierra Foothills, California

GRAPE(S): 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc

SKU: IVCSR6-20

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.34 G/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 3.1 G/L

pH: 3.76