

IRONSTONE RESERVE RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2016

Description:

The 2016 Reserve Chardonnay is a classic – full of expressive flavors and aromas & exhibiting fine mineral qualities that are the hallmark of grapes coming from the Sierra Foothills. There is a concentrated tropical fruit flavor, with nuances of butterscotch, vanilla & ripe apple. The nose opens with savory scents of butter toffee and vanilla, followed by exotic notes of spice and melon.

Winemaker's Notes:

Fully mature grapes were harvested on September 18, 2016. Hand-selected for outstanding quality, and then gentle whole-cluster pressing. The wine was aged “sur lie” in new French oak barrels that were hand-stirred weekly for the initial four months of the twelve-month aging process. This caused the wine to undergo spontaneous malolactic fermentation. The casks were stored in the winery’s underground wine caverns that retain a natural 60° F year-round. Prior to release, it received an additional few months’ bottle aging. The grapes come from the winery’s Hay Station Ranch vineyards, at an elevation of 2,400 feet above sea level that have been in the Kautz Family for four generations in Calaveras County. What started as a cattle ranch has now become home to over 100 acres of premium mountain vineyards located adjacent to the Ironstone Winery and Entertainment Complex. Ironstone’s Reserve Program focuses on three key elements: appellation, vineyards and winemaking artistry. The winery practices sustainable viticultural practices such as crop reduction, leaf removal, organic materials and drip irrigation to improve the quality of the grapes and intensity of flavors.

Serving Hints:

This Chardonnay should be served slightly chilled and pairs well with a variety of cuisines and dishes, from French onion soup to fish and shellfish.

PRODUCER:	Ironstone
COUNTRY:	California
REGION:	Sierra Foothills, Estate Grown
GRAPE VARIETY:	100% Chardonnay
ALCOHOL %:	14.5%
RESIDUAL SUGAR:	2.6 g/l



Pack	Size	Lbs	L	W	H	Pallet	UPC	SCC
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