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OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

LODI · CALIFORNIA

## 2018 ironstone "old vines" zinfandel

WINE DATA <u>Producer</u> Ironstone Vineyards

> <u>Region</u> Lodi, California

<u>Country</u> United States

Wine Composition 90% Zinfandel 10% Petite Sirah <u>Alcohol</u> 14.5% <u>Total Acidity</u> 6.2 G/L <u>Residual Sugar</u> 3.5 G/L <u>pH</u> 3.62

### DESCRIPTION

Grown in vineyards that are over 45 years old, this medium bodied Zin has exceptional varietal character with lovely aromas of dark fruit and blackberry. Subtle pepper spice mingles with richly concentrated fruit flavors of blackberry, ripe plums and fresh red raspberries. Barrel aging created its smooth, silky finish and unprecedented depth.

# WINEMAKER NOTES

Lodi has become the self proclaimed "Zin" capital of the World producing over 35 % of California grown Zins. The Kautz Family grows these Zinfandel grapes in the Mokelumne River sub appellation of the Lodi AVA. The area is blessed with an alluvial fan of sandy loam, well drained soils and a classic Mediterranean climate.

At Ironstone, we use crop reduction, leaf removal, organic materials, and drip irrigation to improve the quality and intensity of flavors. Cover crops, which attract beneficial insects, are also employed. In addition, we place owl and wood duck boxes around the vineyards and ponds helping to preserve the surrounding habitats.

## SERVING HINTS

Zinfandel wine has amazing versatility which makes it a wonderful wine pairing for variety of dishes. Any type of meat whether its pork, beef or game is ideal with this wine. Cioppino is another amazing complement or try it with tomato based pastas, he arty stews or a plate of strong, aged cheeses.

#### **Quintessential Wines**