



2017 IRONSTONE PINOT NOIR



WINE DATA

Producer
Ironstone Vineyards
Region
Lodi, California
Country
United States

Wine Composition

95% Pinot Noir,
5% Petite Sirah

Alcohol

13.5%

Total Acidity

5.6 G/L

Residual Sugar

1.5 G/L

pH

3.71

DESCRIPTION

The Ironstone 2017 Merlot is bursting with luscious fruit and soft tannins, for excellent “drinkability.” Rich, ripe black cherry and black plums leads to a hint of vanilla and toast. Flavors of currents with juicy dark fruit and spicy cedar ends with a rounded, well balanced and complex finish.

WINEMAKER NOTES

In 2006, the Kautz family planted their first Pinot Noir in Lodi. The grapes come from the Kautz’s Thornton Ranch property, closest Lodi AVA to the California Delta – a vast waterway that directly connects to the Pacific Ocean. 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 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. The wine is aged in new French oak for three months.

SERVING HINTS

This Pinot Noir is great to serve with dishes like cedar plank salmon, wild mushroom bruschetta, roasted chicken, pork roast, lamb chops, or game birds like duck or pheasant.