

LEAPING HORSE

MERLOT 2016



Description:

The 2016 vintage of this Leaping Horse Merlot has violet and dark fruit aromas with pleasant plum, black cherry and a little green olive character in the flavor. Mouth-filling yet smooth, this is “textbook” California Merlot that can pair with just about anything.

Winemaker’s Notes:

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 spends three months’ aging in new French oak.

Serving Hints:

Because of its soft tannins and luscious fruit, Merlot is a delicious wine that’s food-friendly or can be savored by itself. It works with many types of meat or fowl, such as roast turkey or chicken, grilled blackened salmon, pasta with meat sauces, pork, grilled vegetables or a steak salad.

PRODUCER:	Ironstone
REGION:	Lodi, California
GRAPE VARIETY:	90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Ruby Cab
RESIDUAL SUGAR:	3 g/l
pH:	3.45
TOTAL ACIDITY:	5.87 g/l

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Pack	Size	Alc%	lbs	L	W	H	Pallet	UPC
12	750	13.5	33	13	10	12	4X14	72482605322-3

