

IRONSTONE RESERVE

Estate Grown Sierra Foothills - Lodi | California

Ironstone is now run by the fourth generation of the Kautz family and is located in the Sierra Foothills town of Murphy, in the heart of California's scenic Gold Rush Country. In the early 1900s, Frederick and Marie Kautz came to America from Germany, buying farmland through a US Land Grant in the Lodi region of the San Joaquin Valley. Frederick Kautz passed away in 1940, leaving the farm to his young son John, who in 1948 dedicated 12 acres of their farm exclusively to growing grapes. John quickly built an excellent reputation as a premium grape supplier, amassing over 6,500 acres devoted to vines in Lodi and in the Sierra Foothills. By the 1960s, John had become one of the top ten wine grape growers in California, and in 1969 was honored with the National "Young Farmers" Award. In 1988, John, his wife Gail, with the help of their three children Steven, Kurt and Joan, decided to follow their dream of building a winery. Their state-of-the-art production facility is built in the style of a 19th century gold stamp mill and is filled with antiques and gold mining artifacts. Part of this new direction included a facility dedicated to the support of cultural arts. The majestic grounds, complete with a natural spring lake, offer scenic picnic areas and are home to the Ironstone Amphitheatre, which hosts an annual concert series. Ironstone's tasting room features an antique tasting bar and a 42-foot rock fireplace. Other sites at the winery include a Culinary Exhibition Kitchen located within the Conference Center, the historical mining museum and the jewelry shop that has the world's largest crystalline gold leaf specimen on display - a 44lb. treasure found just a few miles from the winery. Located 42 feet below ground are 10,000 square feet of hand blasted caverns that maintain a year-round temperature of 60° Fahrenheit and are used for aging Ironstone wines.



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2013 Top Grape Growers

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This list, which is part of *American/Western Fruit Grower's* annual Top 100 Growers report, is ranked according to 2012 acreage for the below crops, and the farms must be owned or leased by one company that is responsible for maintaining it.

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Ironstone winery is ranked #6 in total wine grape acreage and #7 in total grape acreage in California.

Rank	Company	Grapes Grown	Total Grape Acreage	Total Acreage	2011 Rank
1	Bronco Wine Co., CA	Winegrapes	40,000	40,000	1
2	Vino Farms, CA	Winegrapes	16,000	16,000	2
3	Gallo Vineyards, CA	Winegrapes	15,300	15,300	3
4	Giumarra Vineyards, CA	Table grapes	10,000	10,000	7
5	Premiere Entities, CA	Winegrapes	9,985	32,334	13
6	Monterey Pacific, CA	Winegrapes	9,889	9,983	4
7	John Kautz Farms, CA	Winegrapes	6,500	6,565	6
8	Beringer Vineyards, CA	Winegrapes	6,250	6,250	5
9	Anthony Vineyards, CA	Table grapes	5,400	5,400	14
10	Delicato Vineyards, CA	Winegrapes	5,000	5,000	9
10	Sutter Home Vineyards, CA	Winegrapes	5,000	5,000	8
12	Lucich Farms, CA	Winegrapes	4,939	4,939	12
13	Lent-Burden Farming, CA	Winegrapes	4,792	11,465	21
14	Scheid Vineyards, CA	Winegrapes	4,200	4,200	16
15	Beckstoffer Vineyards, CA	Winegrapes	4,060	4,060	17
16	S&L Vineyards, CA	Winegrapes	4,000	4,000	19
17	Ste. Michelle Wine Estates, WA	Winegrapes	3,700	3,700	20
18	Farmland Management Services, CA	Winegrapes	3,193	36,422	24
19	Sun Pacific Farming, CA	Table grapes	3,100	3,100	18
20	Sandridge Farms, CA	Winegrapes	3,028	34,000	n/a
21	Valley Farm Management, CA	Winegrapes	2,784	2,784	25
22	Gerawan Farming, CA	Table Grapes	2,696	11,974	23
23	Baker Farming Co. LLC, CA	Winegrapes	2,500	8,550	n/a
23	Creekside Land Co., CA	Winegrapes	2,500	2,500	15
25	AgriLand Farming, CA	Winegrapes, Raisin	1,921	18,113	n/a

<http://www.growingproduce.com/fruits-nuts/2013-top-grape-growers/>

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WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

The family philosophy of winemaking is that “quality wine grapes, a touch of artistry and patience create captivating elegant wines. Our Winemaker understands each grape variety, vineyard and how it develops during the growing season along with the effect that the soil and climate bring from both the Lodi and Sierra Foothills vineyards. The results are modern, fruit-forward wines in our classic range and intense full flavored wines in our Reserve range.”

VINEYARD HOLDINGS

The Kautz family has over 6,500 acres of vineyards located in the Lodi and Sierra Foothills regions of California. The acreage is planted primarily to Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Symphony and Merlot. There are Petite Sirah, Malbec and Syrah blocks as well. Located between 2,300-2,600 feet above sea level, the Sierra Foothills vineyards benefit from the unique four season climate and the intense red volcanic soils. The Lodi vineyard holdings, located between 50-590 feet above sea level, develop in a Mediterranean-styled climate with a unique emphasis from the Pacific Ocean via the San Joaquin Delta River. The Kautz Family was awarded “**2012 Grower of the Year**” by the California Association of Wine Grape Growers.

VINEYARD MANAGEMENT SUSTAINABLE VITICULTURAL PRACTICES

The Kautz family uses various trellising systems based on the variety and location. The vineyards benefit from over 30 years of Sustainable Viticultural Practices taking into account the total ecosystem in and surrounding the vineyards. In addition to water conservation, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), soil fertility and Biological Integrated Farming Systems (BIFS), “sustainable” deals with area’s wildlife habitat, neighbors on surrounding lands and the workers that interact with the process of growing grapes.

Reserve Chardonnay | Reserve Malbec | Old Vine Zinfandel | Rous Zinfandel | Reserve Cabernet Franc | Reserve Cabernet | Reserve Meritage |



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