



# IRONSTONE

*Vineyards*

Ironstone Reserve Rous Vineyards  
Ancient Vines Zinfandel

## Press Highlights

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2021

- 92 – TASTING PANEL, *April 2025*

“This vineyard was planted in 1909; its twisted, gnarly 112-year-old vines are grafted onto St. George rootstock in deep, loamy sandy soil. They yield a mature-tasting, ripe, and savory red with notes of melting dark chocolate, plum liqueur, and sage. According to Lodi expert and Tasting Panel editor-at-large Randy Caparoso, “Ironstone’s finest, of course, is its Rous Vineyard Zinfandel, known for floral/violet and blueberry/cherry qualities very specific to this vineyard. It’s very distinctive and one of the finest in Lodi in terms of layering and balance.” He adds, “This section of land is called the Victor Triangle, located on the east side of the Mokelumne River AVA, centered around the small census-designated place of Victor, that is known to have pockets of particularly deep (90–100 feet) sandy soils. The visible impact of these soils is lower weight clusters and smaller berries.” “

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2020

- 91 – WINE ENTHUSIAST, *July 22, 2024*

“This wine is opulent, with aromas of blackberry, huckleberry, violet and dried herbs on the nose. The flavors on the palate are black plum, cassis and black currant compote, morphing into spiced bittersweet chocolate and a long, silky finish. Decant and enjoy with braised lamb.”

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2012

- 90 – WINE ENTHUSIAST, *May 2015*

“This is quietly concentrated, complex, sleek in texture and inviting to drink. It smells like ripe boysenberries and cherries, and tastes generous and broad without being too full bodied. It finishes with more fruit notes and a hint of sunbaked earth.”

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