

# IRONSTONE VINEYARDS OLD VINE ZINFANDEL 2023

Lodi, California



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**TASTING NOTES:** The 2023 Old Vine Zinfandel is 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.

**VITICULTURE:** Lodi has become the self-proclaimed "Zin" Capital of the World, producing over 35% of California-grown Zinfandel. 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.

**VINIFICATION:** Five months in New French & American Oak

**SERVING HINTS:** Old Vine Zinfandel pairs wonderfully with smoky dishes such as smoked ribs, sausages and brisket. If your feeling casual pair it with your favorite cheeseburger or slice of pizza!

**FAMILY:** In 1926, the Kautz family began farming in the Lodi region and in 1958, John Kautz Farms was founded. In 1988, John and his wife Gail, along with their children, Stephen, Kurt, Joan and Jack, built a state-of-the-art winery and entertainment facility in the town of Murphys, the heart of the Gold Rush era, producing their first vintage in 1989. They followed this purchase with Bear Creek, one of the oldest continuously running wineries in Lodi, in 1997. Their vineyard holdings grew exponentially over the next 30 years, to 7,000 acres in both the Sierra Foothills and Lodi. Ironstone's location in Calaveras County, affectionately known as the "Queen of the Sierras," boasts mineral-rich, volcanic terroir, ideal for growing the wide range of varieties that run the gamut, from Chenin Blanc to Zinfandel.

**PRODUCER:** Ironstone Vineyards

**REGION:** Lodi, California

**GRAPE(S):** 76% Old Vine Zinfandel, 11% Petite Sirah, 10% Tannat, 2% Merlot, 1% Syrah

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 6.2 G/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 4.2 G/L

**pH:** 3.57