

# IRONSTONE VINEYARDS PINOT NOIR 2023

Lodi, California



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**TASTING NOTES:** Our 2023 Pinot Noir gives you seductive aromas of luscious black cherries mixed with cloves, spice and a touch of vanilla. These are followed by a well-rounded and supple cherry and plum flavor with a bit of earthiness. Soft tannins and a smoky and black tea-tobacco note finishes this full-flavored wine deliciously!

**VITICULTURE:** The Kautz Family grows these Pinot Noir grapes in their Thorston Ranch property in the Jahant sub-AVA, closest Lodi AVA to the California Delta, a vast waterway that directly connects to the Pacific Ocean. These vineyards benefit the greatest from the daily ocean breezes, making it one of the coolest areas in Lodi.

**VINIFICATION:** Aged 8 months in French Oak

**SERVING HINTS:** This Pinot Noir is great to serve with dishes like roasted chicken dishes, duck confit with stonefruit compote or a wild mushroom pasta.

**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):** 75% Pinot Noir, 17% Zinfandel, 6% Syrah, 2% Souzao

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5.6 G/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 2.03 G/L

**pH:** 3.73