



IRONSTONE *Vineyards*

With close to 100 years of expertise, the Kautz Family has forged a celebrated legacy of excellence as farmers and more recently, as winemakers.

In 1926, the Kautz family began farming in the Lodi region and in 1948, John Kautz Farms was founded. Ironstone Winery, founded in 1990 by Gail and John Kautz has become an iconic brand of wines crafted from John Kautz Farms' 7,000 acres of sustainably grown, world-class wine grapes in the Lodi American Viticultural Area and the scenic Sierra foothills.

Ironstone's flagship collection exemplifies the Kautz family's talent and passion. The Kautz's have control of every stage in the process: careful vineyard site selection, sustainable farming practices, meticulous handling of the fruit and cutting-edge winemaking techniques to create a lineup of superb wines ideal for any occasion and celebration.

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Ironstone Cabernet Franc comes from estate vineyards in two of Lodi's seven sub-AVAs – Alta Mesa with its red clay loam soils and Sloughhouse with its bedrock and more diverse topography. Balanced, medium-bodied, this wine has expressive aromas of bright red berry fruits and spice and fresh herbs, leading to flavors of bright red cherry and raspberry with vanilla-oak undertones.

Ironstone Cabernet Sauvignon is rich and complex, easy and approachable with toasted oak, black currant, raspberry and dark cherry flavors. So well-balanced and full-bodied, a true expression of Lodi with grapes from several of Lodi's sub-AVAs, including Clements Hills and Sloughhouse. These select estate vineyard sites grown in diverse soils, when combined, create a more complex wine than one location alone.

The Kautz Family was the first to plant Chardonnay in Lodi and the **Ironstone Chardonnay** proves Lodi is not too warm for white varieties. Lodi's Mediterranean climate and cool evening breezes off the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta combined with its unique soil types are ideal for growing white grapes, especially Chardonnay. Ironstone Chardonnay delivers magnificent flavors of green apple, citrus and tropical fruits, vanilla and oak notes, balanced by mouth-watering acidity.

Ironstone Chenin Blanc has intense aromas of Bosc pears, honeydew, light guava and a lovely flint-mineral character followed by flavors of pears, white peaches and lemon zest true to the varietal famous in the Loire Valley and South Africa. In 2012, the Kautz family planted their first Chenin Blanc in Lodi and much of this wine comes from Lodi's Alta Mesa sub-AVA with a small amount from the Clarksburg AVA.

Ironstone Merlot bursts with luscious fruit and soft tannins. Rich and ripe black cherry and black plums lead to hints of toast and vanilla. The expression represents the best Merlot grown in Lodi with fruit from several of the seven sub appellations, including Alta Mesa, and Sloughhouse.

Ironstone Petite Sirah is a must-have for a fan of big, bold reds. Succulent and rich, deep and satisfying, made from fruit in the Lodi AVA. Dark and inky, loads of warm berry pie and vanilla and light pepper spice fill the nose. Flavors of lush berries mixed with dark chocolate, warm cedar and vanilla from time in French oak dance on the palate.

Ironstone Pinot Noir has seductive aromas of luscious black cherries, cloves and a touch of vanilla. The Kautz family grows these Pinot Noir grapes in their Thornton Ranch property, close to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, a vast inland waterway that connects to the Pacific Ocean. These vineyards benefit the greatest from the daily ocean breezes, making Jahant one of the coolest areas in the Lodi AVA.

Ironstone Sauvignon Blanc again dispels the notion Lodi is too warm for white varieties. Picked early and handled gently, this wine has zesty citrus and green apple aromas and flavors of passion fruit, white peach in the mid-palate and a crisp touch of tartness on the finish. From the Mokelumne River sub-AVA in Lodi, this wine is gaining a big-time following.

Ironstone Old Vine Zinfandel has all of the complexity and concentration one would expect from Lodi's signature grape grown by Lodi's signature winegrowing family. From vineyards more than 45 years old in the Mokelumne River sub-AVA, this exceptional wine has lovely aromas of dark fruit, red fruit and subtle pepper spice and flavors of blackberry, ripe plums and fresh red raspberries.