

# IRONSTONE

*Vineyards*

## 2014 LODI CABERNET FRANC

### Winemaker Notes

Cabernet Franc is an ancient French grape varietal linked as one of Cabernet Sauvignon's parent grape (crossed with Sauvignon Blanc). Our signature Cabernet Franc, grown in the Lodi appellation, is known for its balance and medium body. Expressive aromas of bright red berry fruits mixed with a light spice and a hint of fresh herbs leads to flavors of red cherry and raspberry with vanilla-oak undertones.

### Vineyard Notes

The Kautz Family grows the majority of its Cabernet Franc in two of Lodi's sub-AVAs - Alta Mesa and Sloughhouse. Alta Mesa

sits at elevations between 50 and 100 ft above sea level and is blessed with red clay loam soils. Sloughhouse reaches elevations up to 590 feet above sea level with has a more diverse topography, complete with bedrock, and slightly warmer climate.

### Sustainable Viticultural Practices

At Ironstone, we use crop reduction, leaf removal, organic materials, and drip irrigation to improve the quality and intensity of flavors. Cover crops, which attract beneficial insects, are also employed. In addition, we place owl and wood

duck boxes around the vineyards and ponds helping to preserve the surrounding habitats.

### Serving Suggestions

Cabernet Franc is a great wine to accompany any number of dishes. Grilled red meats and game are perfectly suited for this wine as well as roasted pork tenderloin. It's also amazing with rich dark chocolate desserts.

### Technical Information

Appellation: Lodi

Blend:  
85% Cabernet Franc  
15% Cabernet Sauvignon

Aging: Two months new French oak

Alcohol: 13.5%  
pH: 3.33  
TA: 6.4 g/L  
RS: 1.7 g/l