

IRONSTONE

Vineyards

2014 LODI OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

Winemaker Notes

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.

Vineyard Notes

Lodi has become the self-proclaimed "Zin" capital of the World producing over 40% of California-grown Zins. 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.

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

Zinfandel wine has amazing versatility which makes it a wonderful wine pairing for variety of dishes. Any type of meat - whether its pork, beef or game - is ideal with this wine. Cioppino is another amazing complement or try it with tomato-based pastas, hearty stews or a plate of strong, aged cheeses.

Technical Information

Appellation: Lodi

Blend: 95% Zinfandel
5% Petite Sirah

Aging: Three months
new French oak

Alcohol: 14.5%
pH: 3.67
TA: 5.9 grams/liter
RS: 2.5 g/l