

# IRONSTONE

*Vineyards*

## 2017 Lodi Cabernet Sauvignon

*In 1926, the Kautz family began farming in the Lodi region and in 1948, John Kautz Farms was founded. In 1990, after many successful years of growing wine grapes, the family completed the Ironstone Winery. The Ironstone Winery is a modern replica of an 1859 Gold Stamp Mill complete with tasting room, gourmet delicatessen, wine aging cavern, conference and wedding facilities, outdoor Amphitheatre, and 14.5 acres of landscaped gardens. The Heritage Museum and Jewelry Shoppe contains artifacts from the gold rush era, as well as the largest specimen of Crystalline Gold Leaf – a 44 lb. treasure. The family philosophy of winemaking is that quality wine grapes, a touch of artistry and patience create captivating elegant wines.*

### **Winemaker Notes:**

The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon is rich and complex, but still easily approachable. Its dark cherry and toasted oakomas tantalize the taste buds that will savor juicy black currant, raspberry and dark cherry flavors. This luscious, well-balanced, wine has a sweet middle palate that finishes with a lovely toasty oak component.

### **Vineyard Notes:**

The Kautz Family grows Cabernet Sauvignon in several of Lodi's sub-appellations, including Mokelumne River and Sloughhouse. These selected vineyards provide diverse soils that, when combined, create a more complex wine than one location alone.

### **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:**

Often referred to as the King of wines, Cabernet Sauvignon is a classic pairing partner for a variety of roasted, broiled or barbequed beef dishes. Its magnificent flavor and structure also works well with lamb, wild game such as venison and wild boar, hearty vegetarian dishes, as well as strong cheeses.

### **Awards:**

California State Fair, Jun 2016

91 Points ( v. 2014)

Calaveras Professional Wine, May 2015

Gold (v. 2013)

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Appellation: Lodi

Blend: 87% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
8% Merlot, 5% Petite Verdot

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Aging: Two months new French oak

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.73

TA: 5.3 g/L

RS: 3.0 g/l