

IRONSTONE

RESERVE

2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Sierra Foothills ~ Estate Grown

Technical Info

Blend:

**82% Cabernet Sauvignon,
18% Petite Sirah**



**Aging: 24 months in small
French & American oak**

Alcohol: 14.8%

TA: 6.10 grams/liter

pH: 3.86

RS: 0.05%

Production:

1800 cases (6x750ml)

Released:

July 2014

The Vineyards ~ Located at 2400 ft. above sea level, these grapes were estate- grown at our Hay Station Ranch vineyard where warm days are cooled by the evening mountain air. This areas unique soil of decomposed granite mixed with volcanic sediment and red clay produce a wonderful mineral component. Grapes have been grown, in the Sierra Foothills for 150 years.

Sustainable Viticultural Practices ~ At Ironstone, the vineyard manager, has at his disposal, a variety of sound, ecological vineyard practices which can be employed depending on what Mother Nature delivers during the growing season. 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.

Winemaking Processes ~ These fully mature grapes were picked at their peak and delivered to the winery after being selected by our winemaker. After undergoing extended fermentation and maceration, the wine was transferred into small oak barrels and placed into our underground caverns to ensure a fuller, richer, finer wine of true varietal character. Hand blasted by local miners, many whose families came for gold in the 1800's, these caverns remain a natural 60 degrees Fahrenheit year-round temperature which slowly lowers the wine's alcohol while preserving its concentration of flavor.

Our Winemaker's Notes:

Seductive and full-bodied, our Reserve 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon exudes aromas of fresh berries, black currants and black cherries that are laced with eucalyptus, cedar and mint. Big and powerful, yet elegant, this Cabernet exhibits flavors of sweet dark blackberry and plum with soft, creamy vanilla that plays well with the unique mineral qualities found only in wines produced in the Sierra Foothills.

Executive Chef Recommends:

Our Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is a classic for strong flavored foods including grilled meats, lamb chops as well as strong flavored cheeses. It's also an excellent choice for chocolate desserts such as a molten chocolate cake, bittersweet chocolate mousse or a simple plate of homemade fudge.