

IRONSTONE

Vineyards

2017 Reserve Viognier Sierra Foothills – Estate Grown

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.

Winemaking Process: During crush, these hand-picked grapes arrived at the winery in the early morning hours where a combination of old and new reductive winemaking techniques were used to create this flavorful wine. This technique preserves the naturally abundant exotic aromas that Viognier is known for. To preserve these aromas, the juice was then cold fermented and maintained in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks.

Winemaker Notes:

Our classic, yet refined 2017 Reserve Viognier has a tropical bouquet of mango, peaches, pineapple and guava with hints of citrus and honey. This is followed by butterscotch, vanilla and toffee with delightful flavors of pineapple, citrus, and cream with soft oak undertones. This richly balanced, ripe white lingers on the palate with its long, lingering finish.

Vineyard Notes:

Hay Station Ranch has been in the Kautz Family for four generations. What started as a cattle ranch has now become home to 100 acres of premium mountain vineyards located adjacent to the Ironstone winery. Decomposed granite mixed with sediment and red clay allow for beautiful mineral notes and richness. Ironstone's Reserve Program focuses on three key elements: appellation, vineyards and winemaking artistry.

Awards:

Calaveras Professional Wine Comp, May 2017	Best of Region (v. 2014)
Wine Enthusiast, Mar. 2016	87 Points (v. 2013)
Wine Enthusiast, Sep. 2014	91 Points (v. 2012)

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Appellation: Sierra Foothills	Production: 550 cases/6
Sub AVA: Calaveras County	UPC: 7 24826 10125 2
Blend: 90% Viognier, 10% Chardonnay	
Aging: 10% aged six months in small French oak	
Alcohol: 14.5%	pH: 3.60
	TA: 5.4 g/L
	RS 1.5 g/L