

IRONSTONE

Vineyards

2020 *Limited Release* Petite Sirah



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 40 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 2020 Petite Sirah is an inky colored wine with deep purple hues. This bold and floral wine has flavors of sweet blueberries, plums, creamy vanilla and a light pepper spice that coats your mouth. It finishes with long and lengthy.

Vineyard Notes

The Kautz Family grows the Petite Sirah grapes in Calaveras County right in their Estate vineyards. The vineyards are located 2400 ft. above sea level where warm days are cooled by the evening mountain air. This area's unique solid of decomposed granite mixed with volcanic sediment and red clay produce a wonderful mineral component.

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:

This full-bodied Petite Sirah will pair nicely with a chicken mole, roasted pork, barbecued steaks, aged gouda, camembert or sautéed mushrooms and caramelized onions.

Appellation: Calaveras County	Production: 122 cases/12
Blend: 100% Petite Sirah	Vegan Wine
Aging: 18 months, American Oak	UPC: 7 24826 18122 3
Alcohol: 13.42% pH: 3.61 TA: 6.10 g/L	RS: 3.5 g/L