



2023 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 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: Deep, dark, and expressive, the 2023 Petite Sirah showcases an inky purple color with floral aromas and layers of sweet blueberry and plum. Hints of creamy vanilla and soft pepper spice add depth to the full-bodied palate, leading to a smooth, structured mouthfeel and a long, lingering finish.

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 soil of decomposed granite mixes 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.

Technical Data

Blend: 100% Petite Sirah				
Appellation: Sierra Foothills				
Alcohol:	14.61%	TA:	6.9 g/l	pH: 3.53
RS: 3.5 g/l				
Aging: Five months - New French and American Oak				
UPC: 7 24826 18122 3				
Production: 297 Cases				

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