

KAUTZ FAMILY VINEYARDS

4th Generation  *Family Growers*

Ironstone Winery & Hospitality Complex

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PROPRIETORS ~ THE KAUTZ FAMILY

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FAMILY BACKGROUND

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 winegrapes, and several other commodities, the family completed the winery and hospitality complex located in the Sierra Foothills town of Murphys, California. In 1992, the family released the Ironstone Vineyards wine brand's inaugural wine release. Today, Ironstone is among the ten largest family-owned wineries in California.

VINEYARD HOLDINGS

The Kautz family, currently ranked as one of the top ten winegrape growers in California, has over 5,000 acres of vineyards located in Lodi and the Sierra Nevada Foothills regions of California. The acreage is planted primarily to Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. There are Petite Verdot, Shiraz, and Malbec blocks as well. Located between 2,300 to 2,600 feet above sea level, the Sierra Foothills estate vineyards benefit from the unique four-season climate. The Lodi vineyard holdings, located between 50 to 590 feet above sea level, develop in a Mediterranean-styled climate.

WINEMAKING PHILOSOPHY

The family philosophy of winemaking is that quality winegrapes, a touch of artistry and patience create captivating, elegant wines. Our winemaker understands each grape variety and how it develops during the growing season along with the effect that soil and climate brings from both the Lodi and Sierra Foothills vineyards. The results are modern, fruit-forward wines with complex aromas and flavors.

VINEYARD MANAGEMENT & WINEMAKING OPERATIONS

The Kautz Family utilizes both quadrilateral and bilateral cordon systems with "T" trellising. The vineyards benefit from over 30 years of Sustainable Viticultural Practices taking into account the total ecosystem in and surrounding the vineyards. In addition to water conservation, integrated pest management (IPM), soil fertility, and biologically integrated farming systems (BIFS), sustainable deals with area's wildlife habitat, neighbors on surrounding lands, and the workers that interact with the process of growing grapes. The winery uses a Raush destemmer, Rotary Fermenters, two Diemme bladder presses and an Italian bottling line with a capacity of 100 bottles per minute.

THE WINERY

Ironstone Winery is a hospitality center comprised of a multitude of activities within the 75,000 square foot, seven-story complex. The majestic grounds, complete with a natural spring lake, offer scenic picnic areas and are home to the Ironstone Amphitheater which hosts an annual summer concert series. Ironstone's tasting room features an antique tasting bar and a 42-foot rock fireplace. Other sites include the culinary exhibition kitchen located within the conference center, the historical mining museum, and the jewelry shop that has the world's largest crystalline gold leaf specimen on display – a 44lb. treasure found just a few miles from the winery. Located forty-two feet below ground are 10,000 feet of hand blasted caverns that maintain a year-round temperature of 60° Fahrenheit and are used for aging Ironstone wines.

KAUTZ FAMILY VINEYARD WINES

The Ironstone Reserve label has several Estate grown and produced varietals plus a collection of Old Vine Zinfandel's from other exciting appellations; Ten wines are offered under the Ironstone label including the popular "Obsession" Symphony; Eight wines are offered under the Christine Andrew label; and the family also produces wines under the Sonoma Creek and Leaping Horse Vineyards labels. In addition to the brands listed, the winery offers exclusive brands and varietals to wine club members and tasting room visitors that can not be found in the general marketplace.

GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION

Kautz Family Vineyards brands can be found in all 50 states of the United States plus over 50 international markets.