

# OBSESSION

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## 2017 California RED BLEND

### Winemaker Notes

Aromas take hold in an instant with an incredible spiciness! Cloves and nutmeg; chocolate and vanilla beans give way to flavors of blueberries, plums, chocolate and mint that swirl in your mouth of this rich, well-balanced and full wine. The finish is bold and lengthy.

### Vineyard Notes

The vineyards were selected from our Lodi and Sierra Foothills vineyards combining the sandy loam soils of Lodi with the iron rich volcanic soils of the Sierra Foothills. Each variety in this wine encompasses the unique quality that is distinctive to it. The Merlot and Zinfandel come from the Lodi (sub AVA Mokelumne River) which is primarily Tokay fine sandy loam soils with some clay mixed in. The Petite Sirah comes from both our vineyards in Lodi and Murphys, which are full of iron and minerals.

### 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 boxes and wood duck boxes around the vineyards and ponds helping to preserve the surrounding habitats.

### Serving Suggestions

Obsession RED is an ideal complement to many types of cuisine, but is especially tasty with grilled meats such as rib-eye, pork and barbecue chicken, in addition to slow roasted veggie stew or an intensely flavored mirage of pasta with wild mushrooms.

### AWARDS

Wine Enthusiast, June 2017

MotherLode Wine Competition, Jul 2016

Calaveras Professional Comp., May 2016

87 Points (v. 2014)

First Place (v. 2014)

GOLD (v. 2014)



Blend: 40% Merlot, 40% Zinfandel, 20% Petite Sirah

Appellation: California Sub AVA: Lodi

Aging: Three months, New French oak

Alcohol: 14.5% pH: 3.71 TA: 5.4 g/l RS: 6.2 g/l

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