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Geyser Peak Winery has a long and storied history. Founded in 1880, it became the 29th bonded winery in California, and was named for the tremendous view of Geyser Peak Mountain directly outside the winery's window.

The brand has seen a storied past of over 140 years, founded by a local family, changing hands multiple times including management by corporate interests. Today, Geyser Peak has proudly returned to its roots as a family-owned-and-operated business, sourcing fruit from famed winegrowing regions of California. The essence of California terroir can be tasted throughout the range of Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. The motto, "Reach for the Peak," was coined to refer to seeking the utmost quality in wine.

Derek Irwin is the new winemaker for Geyser Peak. He started his wine career in 1994 after graduating from UC Davis and has a deep knowledge and understanding of the California wine industry having consulted for wineries in various California wine regions.

SCORE HIGHLIGHTS

Sauvignon Blanc

- 2022 92 Pts. Tasting Panel
- 2021 90 Pts. 'Best Buy' Wine Enthusiast
- 2019 90 Pts. James Suckling

Cabernet Sauvignon

- 2021 91 Pts. Tasting Panel
- 'BEST BUY' Wine Enthusiast
- 2019 90 Pts. James Suckling

Chardonnay

- 2022 91 Pts. Tasting Panel
- 90 Pts. Wine Enthusiast
- 2020 90 Pts. 'BEST BUY' Wine Enthusiast
- 2018 90 Pts. James Suckling

Walking Tree Cabernet Sauvignon

- 2020 92 Pts. Tasting Panel
- 2019 93 Pts. James Suckling
- 90 Pts. One of the Year's Best Cabs Wine & Spirits





Sierra Foothills and Lodi,
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California's Sierra Foothills was identified as an AVA in 1987, but it's been recognized as a prominent and respectable winemaking region since the Gold Rush era of the mid-19th century. And the Kautz family, who settled near the Sierra Foothills in Lodi in 1926, had a lot to do with building the reputation of both areas.

Frederick and Marie Kautz came to America from Germany, buying farmland in Lodi which they began farming in 1940. Their son, John, switched to grape-growing in 1968, and quickly built an excellent reputation as a premium grape supplier. In 1988, John and his wife Gail, along with their children, Stephen, Kurt, Joan and Jack, built a state-of-the-art winery and entertainment facility in the town of Murphys, the heart of the Gold Rush era, producing their first vintage in 1989. They followed this purchase with Bear Creek, one of the oldest continuously running wineries in Lodi, in 1997.

Their vineyard holdings grew exponentially over the next 30 years, to 7,000 acres in both the Sierra Foothills and Lodi. The Kautz family were even the first to plant Chardonnay grapes in the region. And since their inception, they've committed to sustainable viticultural practices, ensuring the utmost respect is paid to the environment. In fact, John was the first to instigate an integrated pest management system in Lodi, which many in the region still follow today.

Ironstone's location in Calaveras County, affectionately known as the "Queen of the Sierras," boasts mineral-rich, volcanic terroir, ideal for growing the wide range of varieties that run the gamut, from Chenin Blanc to Zinfandel.

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Ironstone Sauvignon Blanc
2022 90 Pts. Tasting Panel

Ironstone Chardonnay
2021 90 Pts. Tasting Panel

Ironstone Cabernet Sauvignon
2019 'Best Buy' Wine & Spirits

Ironstone Petite Sirah
2021 92 Pts. James Suckling
2016 91 Pts. Wine Enthusiast
2017 95 Pts. L.A. Intl. Wine Competition

Ironstone Zinfandel
2017 91 Pts. CA State Fair Wine Competition

