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When John Kautz and Gail Kramer became husband and wife, they danced to the classic song “Sentimental Journey.” And it's been a sentimental journey, indeed.

John's grandparents emigrated from Germany and farmed in the Lodi area. Gail grew up in the San Francisco Bay area, the daughter of a prominent attorney who had land in Murphys, she graduated from College of the Pacific in Stockton, California, where she met John.

Over the course of their 60+ year union, John and Gail have built a remarkable family and an enviable legacy of excellence. Their winery, Ironstone Vineyards, is an iconic destination in the Sierra foothills. Their wine brands have wowed critics and satisfied countless consumers for close to 30 years.

The passion John and Gail have for each other, their family and their community has been captured in every bottle of Kautz & Kramer – wines that embody the best John and Gail have to offer. Anything less, and their names wouldn't grace the label.



Crafted by their expert winemaking team and sourced from premier estate vineyard sites in their 7,000-acre portfolio, Kautz & Kramer wines are elegant and well-structured. The exceptional, high-quality fruit comes from the Lodi American Viticultural Areas unique soils and Mediterranean climate.

Only the finest fruit from three distinct estate vineyards in the Lodi AVA go into Kautz & Kramer. The Sheldon Ranch, Block 72 Cabernet Franc, Block 50 Cabernet Sauvignon and Sentimental Journey Chardonnay are carefully crafted to preserve their varietal character in a truly elegant and premium expression.

John and Gail have long employed sustainable farming practices, acting as stewards of the land and as good neighbors to ensure the long-term viability of their business and the environment. John helped start the Integrated Pest Management program that evolved into Lodi Rules, the state's first third-party certified sustainable winegrowing program.

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