

## WINE RECOMMENDATION

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### Christine Andrew Vineyards

#### 2005 Tempranillo (Lodi)

Like a flamenco dancer, this wine captures the attention immediately with a wild burst of color and motion. Bright and vividly colored with crimson, violet, magenta, and fuschia notes, the wine looks more like Syrah than Tempranillo. Just as vivid and sultry on the nose, the wine captivates with notes of framboise, mulberry, rose petal, brush, coastal scrub, and deep forest. On the palate, the wine is full bodied with jazzy boysenberry fruit and a clean, fresh herbal/leafy note in the background. This wine is very well-balanced, not oaky, light on its feet, and ready to drink now. With its long dark-fruit finish, it would be delicious with duck confit with a side of rosemary fries, or with Manchego cheese.

This new brand, launched in May, is part of the ever-growing Ironstone Vineyards portfolio. The winery is in Murphys, California, in the Calaveras County AVA. John Kautz, who started his career in agriculture as a row crop farmer in Lodi, owns prime vineyard land throughout the Sierra Foothills and in Lodi. His wife Gail planted vineyards on part of her family ranch in Murphys. For some of their releases they look to Sonoma as a fruit source.

Reviewed August 30, 2007 by [Catherine Fallis](#).

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### THE WINE

**Winery:** [Christine Andrew Vineyards](#)

**Vintage:** 2005

**Wine:** Tempranillo

**Appellation:** Lodi

**Grape:** Tempranillo / Valdepenas

**Price:** \$14.99

### THE REVIEWER



#### Catherine Fallis

Founder and President of Planet Grape LLC, a company committed to bringing the joy of wine, food, and good living into the lives of everyday people, Catherine is creator of the "grape goddess guides to good living," a series of books, television presentations, seminars, and e-learning programs. The fifth woman in the world to become a Master Sommelier, grape goddess Catherine Fallis is still very much down-to-earth.