

2017 BLAUFRÄNKISCH

BENZIE COUNTY AND GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY,
MICHIGAN



THE VINEYARDS:

Eden Hill Vines

APPELLATION: Benzie County
VARIETIES PLANTED: Chardonnay,
Blaufränkisch
ACREAGE: 5
GROWN BY: Michael and Nancy Call

Hawk Ridge of Old Mission

APPELLATION: Old Mission Peninsula
VARIETIES PLANTED: Blaufränkisch
ACREAGE: 1.2
GROWN BY: John and Laura Keenan

Swanson Vineyard

APPELLATION: Old Mission Peninsula
VARIETIES PLANTED: Blaufränkisch,
Chardonnay
ACREAGE: 2
GROWN BY: The Swanson Family

THE SHORT VERSION:

Dried blueberries and black pepper

THE LONG VERSION:

We don't just make white wines. The truth is we have been nurturing some relationships with great red vineyards for years. It's just that nothing is quick in the wine world. Blau as in blue, Frank as in French, Isch as in ...well...ish. It has deep potential that will be revealed over time in the bottle.

We began experimenting with this Austrian grape called Blaufränkisch in 2000. It has proven to be a perfect fit for our northern climate, so we have been actively seeking sites around Old Mission and Benzie Counties to plant more. This is the second vintage for these vineyards. There is a concentrated dark berry juiciness coupled with the classic black pepper of Blaufränkisch. The tannins are mellow and this wine only required 8 months in barrels to come of age. We wanted to capture the playful side of this grape, so we bottled using screw caps. This will keep the wine bright and fresh for many years to come.

WINE GEEK TECHNO SPEAK:

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0 g/L
BRIX AT HARVEST: 21.5-23
PH: 3.45
TITRATABLE ACIDITY: 6.4 g/L
ALCOHOL: 13%
CASES PRODUCED: 600
FERMENTED & AGED : 8 months neutral oak
AGING WINDOW: 3-5 years

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