

2021 AUXERROIS

Lyon Farm and Island View Orchard Old Mission Peninsula



Auxerrois is one of the most widely planted varieties of Alsace, and is equally well suited to our conditions in Northern Michigan. The grape ripens early with very low acidity. This gives us an opportunity to incorporate the juice into other wines - Pinot Blanc, Murmur, Luthier - to help round out the mid-palate. Beginning in 2017, we have also been bottling this wine as a single varietal.

The 2021 Auxerrois was the culmination of years of experience. Since this was an especially warm vintage, we knew we had to harvest this early ripening grape before the acid dropped too low and the fruit began to deteriorate.

We also approached fermentation a little more aggressively. We've noticed that the fermentation was a bit sluggish over the years, often halting itself before completion. In '21 we integrated a higher yeast population, ran the fermentation warmer, added oxygen bubbles during fermentation, and stirred often to encourage the yeast to eat all the sugar. This resulted in a balanced dry wine with healthy lees for aging.

THE VINEYARD

Lyon Farm/Island View Orchard

Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula

Varieties: Pinot Gris, Blaufränkisch, Chardonnay, Kerner, Auxerrois,

Acreage: 11.33

Year Planted: 2014

Grown by: The Lyon Family



wine specs

RS: 4 g/L

PH: 3.37

TA: 5.85 g/L

ABV: 12.6%

254 cases

Aged: Stainless

Aging window: 3 years