

2022 ROSÉ

Michigan



50% Dornfelder, 50% Blaufränkisch

In 2022 we broke away from our tradition of 100% Blaufränkisch for this dry Rosé. We discovered a Dornfelder vineyard in need of a forever home and took her in. Dornfelder is a densely dark hued grape and we were curious what would happen if we pressed some for Rosé. How much color would bleed into the wine? So we filled the press with these swarthy whole clusters and discovered a beautiful potential. The juice was much softer than Blaufränkisch and it became clear that the lower acid and intense berry fruit qualities could play very nicely with the spice and structure of Blau.

We fermented the vineyards independently to verify our suspicions. While the Dornfelder alone was too soft for the elegance we expect in rose, it does lend strong mid-tones to the palate. It gives perfect support to the qualities we love in Blau. I guess it should be no surprise considering Blaufränkisch is a maternal grandfather to Dornfelder.

This may be the beginning of a new perspective on our dry Rose.

THE VINEYARDS

Eden Hill Vines

Appellation: Benzie County

Varieties: Chardonnay,
Blaufränkisch

Acreage: 5

Year Planted: 2015

Grown by: Michael and Nancy Call

Manigold Vineyards

Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula:

Varieties: Gewürztraminer,
Dornfelder

Acreage: 1

Year Planted: 2008

Grown by: Rob and Lois Manigold



wine specs

RS: 0 g/L

PH: 3.27

TA: 6.45 g/L

ABV: 11.5%

324 cases

Aged: Stainless

Aging window:

3 years