

# 2023 RED DRIVE

## Old Mission Peninsula

46% Blaufränkisch, 39% Saperavi, 15% Dornfelder

Left Foot Charley has made five vintages of Red Drive over the years, and each has been unique. This year we've added a grape new to us, Saperavi, which is a varietal native to the country of Georgia. Saperavi carries a punchy fruit quality with strong acid, color, and tannin. The Blaufränkisch adds distinctive spicy black pepper. The Dornfelder lends softness and roundness to balance the wine.

The three individual varieties were aged in 1200 liter French Oak stücks (or, in French, round foudre) and traditional barrique barrels for 12 months. Once blended, the wine was aged for another three months in stainless. The wine is a medium bodied, cerebral blend of oak, fruit, and earth.

## THE VINEYARDS

### Hawk Ridge of Old Mission

Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula

Varieties: Blaufränkisch

Acreage: 1.2

Year Planted: 2014

Grown by: John and Laura Keenan

### Swanson Vineyard

Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula

Varieties: Blaufränkisch, Chardonnay

Acreage: 2

Year Planted: 2014

Grown by: The Swanson family;  
tended by John Lyon

### Manigold Vineyards

Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula:

Varieties: Gewürztraminer, Dornfelder

Acreage: 1

Year Planted: 2008

Grown by: Rob and Lois Manigold

### Fernweh Vineyard

Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula

Varieties: Saperavi

Acreage: 1

Year Planted: 2019

Grown by: Gary Manner



### wine specs

RS: 0

PH: 3.59

TA: 6.3 g/L

ABV: 11.5%

279 cases

Aged: 12 months in  
French Oak stück (1200L)  
and Barrique (225L)

Aging window:

10+ years