

# 2023 MACDONALD BLAUFRÄNKISCH



## Old Mission Peninsula

The MacDonald Vineyard, our first Blaufränkisch site, has developed a distinct signature since its establishment in 2002. The 2023 crop was the last by Bill MacDonald, the original grower of the fruit. His harvest was small but mighty, and the size of the crop afforded us the opportunity to age the wine in a single French Oak puncheon.

A puncheon is a 500 liter (132 gal) French oak vessel. It has a lower wood-to-wine ratio and allows more of the fruit to come through in the final wine. It has less oxygen ingress during aging and less caramel tones than wine aged in a standard sized barrel. The oak certainly adds weight to the wine, but the balance is shifted toward dark berry jam and light toast.

## THE VINEYARDS

### MacDonald Vineyard

Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula

Varieties: Pinot Gris, Blaufränkisch

Acreage: 1

Year Planted: 2001

Grown by: Bill and Margaret

MacDonald



### wine specs

RS: 0

PH: 3.49

TA: 6.6 g/L

ABV: 12.2%

50 cases

Aged: 12 months French  
Oak puncheon (500L)

Aging window:

10+ years