

2023 KERNER

Mary Lyon's Yard Old Mission Peninsula

Although not widely familiar, Kerner has quickly become a favorite grape for us to work with. There are approximately 200 acres of Kerner planted in the US, and one of those is planted for LFC. The 2023 vintage brought us both quality and quantity in the fruit.

Our Kerner was aged in old French Oak Puncheons (500 Liter barrels - a typical barrique barrel is 225 Liters). The oak fermentation does not add any typical oak or toast overtones.

Instead, the oak vessel imparts a more open oxidative fermentation, which helps to augment the fruit aromas in the wine. After about three months in barrel, the wine is removed from the yeast and aged in stainless steel to preserve these primary fruit and floral qualities. One puncheon stopped fermentation early which allowed a small amount of residual sugar to remain in the wine once we'd blended barrels.

THE VINEYARD

Lyon Farm/Island View Orchard

Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula

Varieties: Pinot Gris, Blaufränkisch, Chardonnay, Kerner, Auxerrois,
Northern Spy apples

Acreage: 11.33

Year Planted: 2014

Grown by: The Lyon Family



wine specs

RS: 8 g/L

PH: 3.07

TA: 4.2 g/L

ABV: 12.7%

344 cases

Aged: French Oak
Puncheon

Aging window: 6 years

distinctions

2024 Dan Berger's
International Wine
Competition - Gold,
Best in Class