

2024 BLAUFRÄNKISCH



Old Mission Peninsula

Bryan first planted Blaufränkisch in 2001 in the MacDonald Vineyard. It has since become one of the most widely planted “new” varieties in northern Michigan. This wine represents four vineyard sites. The balance of clay, silt, sand, loam, fossilized coral and granite is different on each site. This varying terroir brings a depth of flavor potential to each individual wine, and a complexity to the blend.

The 2024 vintage delivers a wine with a cool progression of flavors on the pallet. The wine was aged in a variety of lovingly used barrique barrels, puncheons, round foudre, and stainless steel. On the palate, each phase segues to the next - bright fruit>acid>pepper spice>tannin>slow reverberation of lingering flavor. It was recently recognized by TEXSOM, an annual gathering of tastemaker sommeliers in Texas, with their top honor, the Judges’ Choice, for wine in its varietal category. Michigan is leading the way on Blaufränkisch.

THE VINEYARDS

Hawk Ridge of Old Mission

Grown by: John and Laura Keenan

Eden Hill Vines

Grown by: Michael and Nancy Call

MacDonald Vineyard

Grown by: Ben Tiefenbach

Swanson Vineyard

Grown by: The Swanson family;
tended by John Lyon



wine specs

RS: 0

PH: 3.62

TA: 5.9 g/L

ABV: 13.5%

580 cases

Aged: 8 months in French
Oak barrique and stück
Aging window: 10 years

2026 TEXSOM Awards

Judges’ Selection