2024 Blaufränkisch

Old Mission Peninsula

Bryan first planted Blaufrankisch 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 palate. 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 Blaufrankisch.

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