

2023 BLAUFRÄNKISCH



Old Mission Peninsula

We began experimenting with the Austrian grape Blaufränkisch in 2000 on a single acre vineyard on Old Mission Peninsula. The 2023 is a blend of two subsequently planted Old Mission Vineyards, Swanson and Keenan.

We aged this wine for eight months in traditional French Oak barrels as well as in new 300 gallon stück barrels crafted for us by French cooperage Tonnellerie de Mercurey.

This vintage is elegant with high floral and spice aromas. The alcohol is slightly lower than previous vintages, and the wine is more medium bodied. This is a refined example of a rustic grape. It's like cleaning up a rock star - you can cut the hair but you can never fully tame the wild hare.



wine specs

RS: 0 g/L

PH: 3.54

TA: 5.5 g/L

ABV: 11.3%

614 cases

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

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