

Keuka SPRING

2019 Blaufränkisch (Lemberger)



Vineyard & Winemaking Notes

The Austrian variety *Blaufränkisch* (in Germany, *Lemberger*), is a red grape of central European origin that grows happily in the relatively cool Finger Lakes *terroir*. We first planted this variety in 2001. It produces wines with vibrant dark berry aromas and spice notes. We perform daily rack-and-returns (*délestage*) during fermentation to extract additional color, flavor and tannin. To showcase this wine's unique aromatics, we forego oak aging, and blend in a touch of Merlot for smoothness.

Appellation	Finger Lakes
Growers	Anthony Road Wine Co., Keuka Spring Vineyards, Red Tail Ridge Winery
Varietal	Blaufränkisch (Lemberger), with a small amount of Merlot
Harvest dates	October 11, 15, 20 & 29, 2019
Winemaker	August Deimel
Fermentation	100% in tanks with delayed se- quential malolactic conversion
Alcohol by volume	14.1%
Residual sugar	0%
Sweetness perception	Dry
Vegan	Yes
Bottling dates	August 6, 2020
Production	326 cases

Tasting Notes

Our Blaufränkisch (Lemberger) opens with cherry aromas and smoky, spicy notes that evoke the out-of-doors. The soft texture envelopes the mid-palate, guiding you to a lovely clean and lingering finish.

Food Pairing Ideas

Lamb cooked in herbs with traditional mint jelly, kebabs, duck breast, Feta and Gouda cheeses.