

2022 BLAUFRÄNKISCH SINGLE VESSEL SERIES: BARRIQUE



Swanson Vineyard Old Mission Peninsula

These three wines come from a single vineyard and one fermentation. After fermentation we aged the wine in three different types of vessels to see how the vessel impacts aroma, texture and flavor. What results are three dramatically different wines from one source.

A barrique is a 228 liter (60 gallon) traditional French oak barrel. The barrique has the most wood-to-wine surface area and, as we expected, it produced the wine with the most wood tones and textures. It also has the most oxygen ingress while aging which can add caramel tones to the wine and soften bitterness. The aromas are darker and more roasted and earthy. The wine has more tannin and finishes with soft baking spice and vanilla tones.

THE VINEYARD

Swanson Vineyard

Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula

Varieties: Blaufränkisch, Chardonnay

Acreage: 2

Year Planted: 2014

Grown by: The Swanson family;

tended by John Lyon



wine specs

RS: 0 g/L

PH: 3.6

ABV: 12.9%

69 cases

Aged: 12 months in 228L

French Oak barrels

Aging window: 10 years