

2022 BLAUFRÄNKISCH SINGLE VESSEL SERIES: PUNCHEON



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 puncheon is a 500 liter (132 gal) French oak vessel. It has a lower wood-to-wine ratio and allows more of the fruit to come through in the final wine. It has less oxygen ingress during aging and less caramel tones than wine aged in a standard sized barrel. The oak certainly adds weight to the wine, but the balance is shifted toward dark berry jam and light toast.

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: 3.64

ABV: 12.75%

69 cases

Aged: 10 months in 500L

French Oak Puncheon

Aging window: 10 years