

TASTING PACK WINE #15

TASTING NOTES BY: MASTER SOMMELIER BRIAN CRONIN

Purple in color, with intense nose of fresh brambly berries. The palate is round and full of fresh, juicy fruit which is just ripe. It is blueberry, blackberry, and wild berries and black pepper. Slight spice character that could indicate slight oak but definitely not new. The finish is fresh, and the tannin is just the right amount to balance with the fruit but not telling. And the finish is intensely fresh.

TASTING NOTES BY: F.L.X. TABLE'S MICHALIS KALAMPOUKAS

The fruit is a mélange of blackberry, blueberry and black cherry. On the palate there is black pepper, mushroom, and a slight vegetal character. There are also some delicate potting soil and forest floor characteristics along with a little bit of clove and baking spice which hints at some older oak usage.

Sweetness: Dry

Tannin: Medium
Alcohol: Medium

Acid: Medium Plus
Oak: Slight Oak

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old world

or new?

climate?

grape?

country?

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WINE DETAILS:

Winery: Wallner

Cuvee:

Grape: Blaufrankisch

Country: Austria

Regions: Eisenberg - Burgenland

Vintage: 2013

Alcohol: 12.5%

Elevage: 100% large oak barrels

Other: Open fermentation at 28 degrees, 10

days of maceration, followed by

malolactic fermentation

NOTES:

Blaufrankish really tastes blue! It is gamay-like but focused on dark fruit. It can almost seem Pinot Noir like as well with it's high acidity, touch of cherry and the black pepper could lead you to Syrah. Blaufrankisch can be tricky because it has a combination of characteristics that could lead you to other grape varietals. It's Blaufrankisch's specific combination of undeniably fresh juicy tart fruit combined with a black pepper note with higher's that will help you hone in on this grape varietal.

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