



TASTING PACK WINE #144

TASTING NOTES BY: MASTER SOMMELIER CHRITOPHER BATES

The wine is deep ruby with purple hue with lots of black fruit on the nose -ripe black cherry, black berry. Rustic woodsy characteristic to the wine with notes of white pepper, allspice, slight minerality and notes of dark chocolate. There is no evidence of new oak. There is a zippy acidity and a fresh and juicy finish.

TASTING NOTES BY: ADVANCED SOMMELIER JOSHUA CARLSEN

Vibrant purple with moderate viscosity. The palate is edgy with just ripe brambly berry fruit - blackberry, raspberry, black cherry. Violets and white pepper notes are distinct, with loamy earth and a slight chalky note. No evidence of new oak, but there is a hint of Indian spices.

Sweetness: Dry
Tannin: Medium
Alcohol: Medium
Acid: Medium Plus
Oak:

So...
WHAT
IS IT?

old world
or new?

climate?

grape?

country?

place



WINE DETAILS:

Winery: Markus Altenburger

Cuvee: Vom Kalk

Grape: Blaufränkisch

Country: Austria

Regions: Burgenland

Vintage: 2018

Alcohol: 12.5%

Elevage: Aged on it's lees for 18 months in neutral 2000L & 5000L casks prior to bottling

Other: The vineyards are split into more than 30 small plots surrounding the village of Jois. Markus focuses on the vineyards & Minimal intervention in the winery

NOTES:

Blaifränkisch can take on many forms, but this example is 'classic' in that it does not see new oak, and has a restrained palate. I always find notes of violets and white/black pepper in Blaufränkisch, along with brambly berry notes. It can be confused with Gamay, but has a stronger emphasis on earthy notes as compared to the hard stone minerality as well as a focus on dark fruit and not red fruits of Cru Beaujolais. Markus Altenburger is notable for being very hands-off in the winery, eschewing SO2 until bottling, for example, but manages to produce wines that do not present as 'natural'.

Retail Price: \$20

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