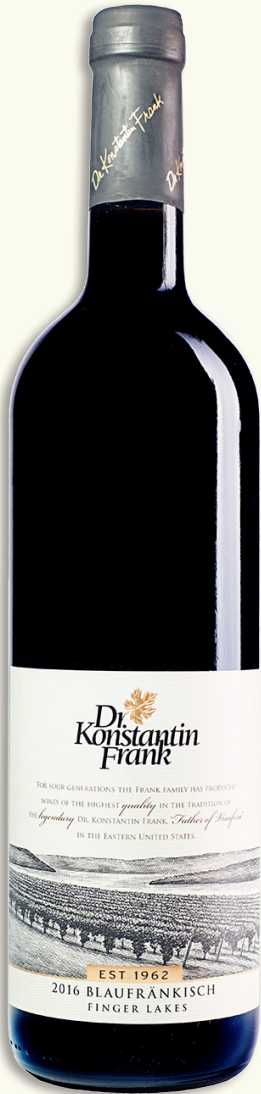




2016 BLAUFRÄNKISCH

Our Classic Range of wines express the purest form of our winemaking style, the terroir of the Finger Lakes, and the range of grape varieties grown.



VARIETY:	100% Blaufränkisch.
VINEYARD:	90% Seneca Estate, 5% Keuka Estate, 5% Volz Vineyard.
VINIFICATION:	De-stemmed. Several Day Cold Soak.
VESSEL:	Open-Top Stainless Steel. Temperature Controlled.
FERMENTATION:	Traditional. 3 Times Daily Manual Punchdowns.
ÉLEVAGE:	12 Months Aging. 2-4 Year Old French Oak.
DRYNESS:	Dry. 0.2% Residual Sugar.
ANALYSIS:	12% Alc, 6.2 g/L TA, 2 g/L R.S., 3.37 pH

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage was one of the hottest, sunniest and driest we can remember. The grapes enjoyed a longer growing season than usual. This length of season and coinciding weather conditions has allowed the grapes to develop and ripen to their fullest potential. Yields are lower but the grapes express greater concentration.

VINEYARD

Blaufränkisch was planted in 2014 on our Seneca vineyard located in Hector, NY in the warmest mesoclimate in the Finger Lakes known as the 'Banana Belt'. Temperatures here are a few degrees warmer than Keuka thus providing riper fruit notes. Soils on Seneca are characterized by deep honeoye silt loam. A small portion of the blend comes from Eric Volz Vineyard, just north across the road from Dr. Konstantin Frank's plantings on Keuka Lake. The vineyard was planted in 1985 by Walter Volz, the winery's first Vineyard Manager. This vineyard is managed by Eric Volz, current Vineyard Manager for the winery, who worked alongside his father Walter and grandfather, Dr. Konstantin Frank. Soils here are shallow with high natural acidity and high amounts of shale. The vines are planted on 3309 rootstocks.

THE WINE

Medium intensity with dominant characters of blackberry, plum, black cherry and chickory and toasted rye. The fresh acidity makes it feel lighter on the palate. Dry with velvety tannins. Light to medium-bodied.

FOOD PAIRING

Tomato-based Sauces, Blackened Salmon, Hard Cheeses, Grilled Vegetables.

ACCOLADES

91 James Suckling
Red Wine of the Year
(NY Classic)

91 Jamie Goode
89 Wine Advocate

