



## 2023 LENA RESERVE

*Lena Reserve is a wine that reflects the heart and heritage of the Frank family. Named for Helena “Lena” Frank, the youngest daughter of Dr. Konstantin Frank, this wine honors the adventurous spirit, courage, and quiet strength of the woman who helped keep the Frank family connected across continents.*

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### THE STORY

Lena grew up in the USSR while her father worked to rebuild the historic Troubetskoy vineyards.

As a child, she often accompanied him through the estates and on hunting and fishing trips, developing the bold and adventurous character that would stay with her throughout her life.

She later traveled repeatedly between the United States and Ukraine, navigating challenging circumstances with remarkable resourcefulness, charm, and an ability to speak many languages.

Our Lena Reserve is a tribute to that spirit. Each vintage is a unique expression of our finest red wines, selected for their depth, complexity, elegance, and ability to evolve with age. The 2023 vintage brings together five grape varieties, each contributing its own character to a wine that is both powerful and refined.

### THE WINEMAKING

Lena Reserve is crafted exclusively from our finest red wine barrels. Each lot is evaluated individually for concentration, length, complexity, intensity, and tannin structure, with particular attention given to wines that show both distinctive character and the structure necessary for extended aging. After approximately one year of individual barrel aging, we taste through the most exceptional barrels within each lot, selecting those where the oak is fully integrated and adds another layer of complexity. A range of cooperages and barrel ages may be included, carefully balanced so the oak complements rather than dominates the wine.

The selected barrels are then brought together through extensive blending trials. Multiple combinations are evaluated in the cellar to create the most harmonious expression possible, and not every selected barrel ultimately becomes part of the final blend.

The 2023 Lena Reserve brings together five grape varieties, each contributing a distinct element: 31% Blaufränkisch adds juicy dark fruit, pepper, and structure; 26% Merlot contributes softness, weight, and supple fruit; 24% Saperavi brings savory character and firm tannins; 15% Cabernet Franc adds perfume, freshness, and vibrant red and black fruit; and 4% Cabernet Sauvignon provides structure and herbal complexity.

After selection and blending, the wine returned to oak for extended aging, spending a total of 20 months in barrel. The result is a deeply layered red where power and structure are balanced by freshness, elegance, and complexity.

### TASTING PROFILE

This is a wine for lingering dinners and good company. Open it when the meal is worth taking your time with—roasted lamb, a perfectly cooked steak, braised short ribs, or a long-simmered

Sunday dinner. Lena is equally at home at a special celebration or around a table with close friends, where a bottle gets passed, stories get longer, and dinner stretches well into the evening. It is a wine to savor slowly, with enough depth and structure to reward an entire evening in the glass.



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