Moric

A luminous Burgenland Blaufränkisch that marries purity and precision: crunchy red fruits, fine spice and silken tannins glide across a cool, mineral frame with effortless drinkability.

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Alcohol :13,00 %

Composition: 100% Blaufrankish

Blaufrankisch 2023

Burgenland, Austria

Region and Vineyards

Burgenland, on Austria's far eastern edge, sits under the Pannonian climate—warm, sunny summers tempered by cool nights from the Neusiedler See. The result is **long ripening** without excess heat, ideal for Blaufränkisch's naturally high acidity and fine, linear tannins. Soils are a complex patchwork of limestone, primary rock and loam that lend lift, spice and subtle earth to the wines.

Moric sources Blaufränkisch for this cuvée from celebrated villages including Neckenmarkt and Lutzmannsburg in Mittelburgenland. Here, parcels with vines roughly 10-50 years old provide energy and clarity rather than sheer power, yielding fruit with red-berry brightness and savory nuance. Farming is **organic** and the aim is transparency of place over amplitude—an approach that defines Moric's elegant house style.

Winemaking

This wine is 100% Blaufränkisch. Fermentation takes place in open vats and stainless-steel tanks, a gentle, low-intervention approach that preserves aromatic definition and the grape's trademark freshness. Maceration is measured to extract fine, powdery tannins rather than heaviness.

Ageing emphasizes purity over overt oak signature; detail and tension are prioritized so the wine shows beautifully in youth. It is bottled under DIAM to safeguard fruit integrity. Analytical profile for 2023 typically sits around 13% alcohol with very low residual sugar—one reason the finish feels so clean and precise.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Bright ruby with purple glints and a slight lightening at the rim.
- **Aroma**: Fresh cherry and cranberry layered with hints of lavender, wild herbs and a faint tobacco/black-tea undertone.
- **Palate**: Juicy red-berry core carried by lively acidity; ultra-fine tannins give a cool, mineral line. Subtle nutty/savoury detail unfurls on a long, mouthwatering finish.

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Did you know?

Roland Velich founded Moric in 2001 with a simple goal: craft Blaufränkisch that speaks clearly of origin. The entry cuvée often blends Neckenmarkt and Lutzmannsburg fruit—two of the variety's most storied villages—offering a distilled introduction to Burgenland's terroir before the single-vineyard bottlings.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Herb-rubbed roast chicken** — the wine's acidity cuts the juices; fine tannins echo the crispy skin.
- **Pork schnitzel with lemon** — bright cherry fruit and lift play beautifully with the dish's crunch and citrus.
- **Duck breast with cherries** — red-fruit harmony and savory tea notes mirror the sauce and gamey richness.
- **Mushroom and thyme risotto** — earthy depth dovetails with the wine's herbal, mineral edges.

James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2022)

A very impressive, entry-level blaufrankisch red with a focused, medium-bodied palate with a lot of complexity: Think summer flowers, pistachios and Amarena cherries. Wonderfully vibrant acidity drives the long, racy finish. So much mineral energy. Drink or hold. (SP)

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 92 Points (2022)

The 2022 Blaufränkisch is from the twin origins of Leithagebirge and Lutzmannsburg, fermented spontaneously in various oak sizes ranging from 500-liter to 2,000-liter barrels. Its dark blue, peppery, inky varietal note here is pure and open. The palate swishes in with uncommon juiciness, absolute precision and brightness. Fine, smooth tannins have the gentle, warm rub of a cat's paw, lending gentle structure to this dense yet unfettered wine that is dynamic, articulate and mobile with much élan. (AK)

Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2021)

Roland Velich's 2021 Blaufränkisch Burgenland shows a fresh ruby-purple color and reveals a clear, fresh and precise nose of tart sour cherries, cassis, crushed limestone and some floral and lovely spicy notes. It's also beautifully pure on the palate, which is almost weightless but silky, fresh and elegant, with tart but fine tannins and sour fruit on the finish. The wine is still young and will gain in complexity with bottle age; but it is already very promising, and fans of this style will love the 2021 at this stage. Purest Burgenland Blaufränkisch! 13% stated alcohol. Diam cork. Tasted in April 2023.