KEUKA LAKE VINEYARDS
FINE ESTATE WINES

# 2024 Blaufränkisch

## VITICULTURE

Our Blaufränkisch is sourced from Gigliotti Vineyards on Seneca Lake. Frank Gigliotti, a transplant from Boston, was an excellent grower for over 20 years. After suffering serious spring frosts in 2022 and 2023, and the need to care for his wife, Frank leased the vineyard to Kenny Fulkerson, an experienced vineyardist who is easy to work with. KLV leaf-pulled and hand-harvested the fruit on October 5, 2024, with sugars at a healthy 21 brix.

## VINIFICATION

Keuka Lake Vineyards hand-harvested the grapes on October 5. The clusters were destemmed and fermented in one-ton bins for 12 days. They were then pressed off and barreled down to neutral oak barrels where they underwent secondary (malolactic) fermentation. The barrels were left to rest for 9 months before bottling.

## TASTING NOTES

This wine has a complex nose of plum, licorice, gingerbread and lavender. The complexity carries over to the palate with marionberries, coffee, and hints of ripe tobacco and a medium grippy tannin brings it all together.

### Technical Data

pH 3.82
Total Acidity 6.0g/L
Residual Sugar 0.4g/L
Alcohol 11.3% ABV
Production 233 Cases