



## **BLAUFRÄNKISCH**

**Synonyms: Lemberger, Limberger, Kékfrankos**

**Origin: A “heunisch” crossing with the second parent yet unclear. Considered to be an indigenous Austrian variety.**

**Percentage of vineyards in Austria: 5 and increasing.**

**Viticulture: Prefers deep fertile loess soils with good mineral content and warm south-facing, wind-protected slopes. Ripens late and is conveniently fungus resistant.**

**Style: Medium to full-bodied red wine is produced with and without maturation in small oak barrels.**

**Character: Fresh and with vibrant fruit. Often racy in its youth, it becomes rounder and more complex with bottle aging. Powerful and discreetly tannic with tones of licorice, cinnamon and boysenberries.**