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Blaufränkisch 1997 Reserve

1. **Variety:** Blaufränkisch
 2. **Vintage:** 1997
 3. **Soil:** clay and loam
 4. **Region/micro zone:** Mittelburgenland/Deutschkreutz
hilly country around Neusiedlersee/Pöttelsdorf
 5. **Vineyard and microclimate:** warm, south-facing slopes
 6. **Harvest date:** 19 October 1997
 7. **Age of the vines:** 42 - 58 years
 8. **Vinification:** Careful selection in the vineyard, harvesting by hand, gentle processing, crushing of the mash cap several times a day, 24 days of maceration. No pressing, only free run wine.
 9. **Ageing:** 12 months of natural sedimentation in large wooden barrels, followed by 60 months in small oak barrels, 22 months of ageing in large wooden barrels, 24 months of bottle ageing
 10. **Wine description:** elegant fruit-tannin structure, cacao, ripe wild berries, delicate note of Black Forest gâteau, palatable, mint and a mix of dried herbs
- Food pairing:* Ossobuco, jugged wild hare, saddle of lamb in a crust of pine nuts
11. **Serving temperature:** 16 °C – 19°C
 12. **Technical data:**
 - § **Alcohol:** 13,5 % vol
 - § **Residual sugar:** 1,8 g/l
 - § **Acidity:** 5,4 g/l
 - § **Bottling date:** January 2006
 13. **Storage potential:** 2008 - 2027