

The **2005 Moric Blaufränkisch** (\$20 to \$22) from Burgenland in eastern Austria has enough stuff to match any course in the intricate holiday meal. Stump all the wine aficionados at the table with this superb example from the Moric line of wines by Roland Velich, a Burgundy-obsessed producer who is showing that the ancient Blaufränkisch grape (known as Lemberger in Washington State and Kekfrankos in Hungary) can produce fascinating reds in white wine country. Very similar to Pinot Noir, this Blaufränkisch has a beautiful aroma of berries and sweet spices coupled with lean, elegant fruit. This wine is alive: Taste the way it changes in the glass.