



Blend: 100% Pinot Blanc
Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula
Vineyard Source: 64% Montaña Rusa, 36% Montague Estate
Harvest: 9/28-10/7, 2016
Bottling Data: .3% residual sugar, 12.6% alcohol
Cases Produced: 356

2016 Arcturos Pinot Blanc

Black Star Farms is located on the same 45th Parallel that runs through some of the great wine regions of the world. Our unique “lake effect” climate allows us to produce classic varietal wines that truly express our dynamic wine region. Fruit is sourced from both the proprietor’s vineyards and from those of local grower partners on the Old Mission and Leelanau Peninsulas. This diversity allows us to obtain consistent quality across vintages.

Vintage Overview

The 2016 harvest was quite a relief after the prior two disappointing years. Overall it was a rewarding, but also somewhat challenging harvest. The grapes reached optimal ripeness, but with rain late in the growing season, deterioration became an issue. With judicious picking in the vineyard and lots of sorting at the wineries, the grapes fermented well and resulted in some truly expressive wines.

Tasting Notes

Medium bodied with flavors of fresh green apple and lemon followed by subtle minerality and a crisp finish. A pleasant creaminess can also develop through time spent aging in the bottle.

Thoughts for Food

Seafood, light-flavored meats, light to medium sauces (particularly white and butter sauces), and mild-flavored cheese choices.

