



2017 Arcturos Cabernet Franc



Blend: 100% Cabernet Franc

Appellation: Michigan, 55% Leelanau Peninsula, 45% Old Mission Peninsula

Harvest Date: 11/7/2017

Maturation: 15-18 months in French, American and Eastern European oak

Bottling Data: 0% residual sugar, 12.7% alcohol

Cases Produced: 1547

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 2017 harvest was one of those classic “up and down” growing seasons. It started strong with early bud break, however lack of adequate sun during the summer slowed down ripening. September thankfully brought sunshine and warmer temps and the fruit started to progress quickly, resulting in excellent early white fruit, then superb early reds. Rains during October caused a pause during harvest in order to let the late season reds and whites dry out. However, patience in the vineyard allowed these grapes to reach optimal ripeness producing some truly beautiful wines.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of dark skinned fruit and spice lend to flavors of berries and red plums, complemented by some intriguing herbaceous and peppery notes.

Thoughts for Food

Enjoy this hearty red with gamey meats such as lamb, rabbit, duck and venison, tomato based pastas, a savory beef stew, or strong cheeses.

