



2017 Leorie Vineyard Merlot Cabernet Franc

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.

Winemakers Comments

This vineyard continues to astound everyone who either works in it or with the fruit it provides. Year after year it produces some of the best grapes grown in the state. Thus, allowing our winemaking team the opportunity to shape some of the best wine made in Michigan. Good things come to those who wait, and we have been patiently waiting, as this vintage has already been in the bottle for over a year. Currently it is youthful and drinking very well. In another 5-10 years it will only get better!

Tasting Notes

This Bordeaux style blend shows good concentration of dark berry fruit, a coffee-like spiciness, rounded out with well-integrated oak character.

Thoughts for Food

Enjoy this wine with hearty meals, braised meats such as venison, lamb, and beef or rich pastas and stews. Suggested dishes include: beef wellington, pot roast, and rack of lamb.

Blend: 63% Merlot 37% Cabernet Franc
Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula
Harvest: November 7, 2016
Maturation: 24 months in 100% new oak. 70% French oak, 30% American and Eastern European oak
Bottling Data: 0% residual sugar, 13.25% alcohol
Cases Produced: 232

