BLACK STAR FARMS

2021 Arcturos Pinot Gris

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

Vintage Overview

The 2021 growing season was one we'd like to see every year if only that were possible. It was an excellent growing season, with a mild but sunny spring and plenty of sun and rain throughout the summer. Cooler weather settled in early September, but we still had plenty of sun to continue the ripening. We harvested fruit for the sparkling wines earlier this year than any previous season. We didn't get as much rain as we often do in the fall, so disease pressure remained low. October gave us plenty of sunshine, balanced with an adequate amount of rain to keep the vines healthy, which further helped in developing optimal ripeness. Early released white wines show bright fruit, beautiful aromatics, and a slightly softer mouthfeel. Red wines will generally be of good to very good quality and worth cellaring.

Tasting Notes

Complex yet refreshing, with citrus, melon, and delicate floral notes followed by subtle minerality and balanced acidity. We prefer the richer "Alsatian style" of Pinot Gris over the leaner Italian style of Pinot Grigio. Hence this wine shows big fruit and a luscious mouthfeel but still maintains a dry finish.

Thoughts for Food

It pairs well with appetizers like antipasto, cheese plates, and creamy dips. Also exceptional with pasta in a light cream sauce, poultry dishes, and a myriad of fish and seafood.le

Blend: 100% Pinot Gris
Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula
Vineyards: 82% Old Mission Peninsula, 18% Leelanau Peninsula
Harvest Dates: 10/10-10/16 2021
Bottling Data: .24% residual sugar, 12.2% alcohol
Cases Produced: 2514