



## 2020 Arcturos Cabernet Franc

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 the 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

2020 was considered a blessing for us in the industry for various reasons. First, it was an excellent growing season, a true silver lining during the "year of COVID." Secondly, it was a lighter crop, which helped ease the pressure on our production team. The year started with an earlier bud break, which led to a warmer spring and early summer. Cooler weather settled in early September, which would typically slow down development, but the ripening continued because of the smaller crop. We thankfully avoided much of the rain, which is often a challenge during this time of year. A mid-October warm-up and plenty of sunshine pushed the ripeness to necessary levels while keeping the fruit free of fungal pressures. Early released white wines are showing bright and balanced. Red wines will be limited in volume but of good quality and worth cellaring.

### Tasting Notes

Aromas of sweet oak, freshly-tanned leather, and young bramble fruit lead to flavors of fresh boysenberries and raspberry tea leaves, with delicate notes of spice from well-integrated oak.

### Thoughts for Food

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

**Blend:** 92% Cabernet Franc, 8% Teroldego  
**Appellation:** Michigan  
**Vineyard Source:** 69% Leelanau Peninsula, 31% Old Mission Peninsula  
**Maturation:** 19-22 months in American and French oak, 30% new  
**Bottling Data:** 0% residual sugar, 12.5% alcohol  
**Cases Produced:** 690

