



2023 Arcturos Pinot Gris



Blend: 86% Pinot Gris,
14% Pinot Blanc

Appellation: Michigan

Vineyard Source: 78%
Old Mission Peninsula,
22% Leelanau Peninsula

Bottling Data: 0%
residual sugar, 13.3%
alcohol

Cases Produced: 2430

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 2023 growing season began with a mild but sunny spring, an early start with plenty of sun and heat throughout the summer, and moderate rain from mid-June through mid-August. We harvested early for sparkling and early ripening white wines, and that fruit showed great development and chemistry. We were then burdened with rain throughout October when it felt like we saw almost daily rainfall. Fortunately, most of the sensitive varieties were already in the winery. Our vineyard crews' dedication to canopy management is a big reason we get the quality fruit we do, even during challenging conditions. Early-released white wines show broader than normal fruit profiles and a softer mouthfeel. Red wines were more challenging, but the quality is generally still very good, namely because of detailed selection in the vineyards and sorting at the winery.

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 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.

