



**Blend:** 67% Merlot 36% Cabernet Franc

**Appellation:** Old Mission Peninsula

**Maturation:** 18 months in new and 2nd-use French oak

**Bottling Data:** 0% residual sugar, 12.5% alcohol

**Cases Produced:** 151

## 2021 Leorie Vineyard Merlot Cabernet Franc

Black Star Farms, nestled on the 45th Parallel, shares its unique 'lake effect' climate with some of the world's most renowned wine regions. This distinct climate, a key factor in our winemaking, allows us to craft classic varietal wines that truly reflect the dynamic nature of our region. Our fruit is carefully selected from both the proprietor's vineyards and those of local grower partners on the Old Mission and Leelanau Peninsulas, ensuring consistent quality across vintages.

### Winemakers Comments

This vineyard continues to astound everyone who works in it or with the fruit it provides. Year after year, it produces some of the best grapes in the state. Thus allowing our winemaking team the opportunity to shape some of the best wines made in Michigan. Good things come to those who wait; 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 approachable Bordeaux-style blend offers aromas of raspberry and plum sitting atop undertones of warm wood spice and mocha. On the palate, this dry, medium-bodied wine is well-balanced, with flavors of black cherry and cassis and delicate notes of black tea and allspice.

### Thoughts for Food

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

