



## 2016 Arcturos Barrel Aged Chardonnay



**Blend:** 100% Chardonnay

**Appellation:** Leelanau Peninsula

**Vineyard Source:** Leelanau Summit, Isidor's Choice

**Fermentation:** barrel fermented, 100% malolactic

**Maturation:** 10 months French oak, 20% new

**Bottling Data:** .4% residual sugar, 13.7% alcohol

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.

### Vintage Overview

The 2016 harvest came as quite a relief after the prior two disappointing years. Overall it was a rewarding, but also somewhat challenging, harvest. The grapes reached optimal ripeness, but with rain late in the growing season, deterioration became an issue. With judicious picking in the vineyard and lots of sorting at the wineries, the grapes fermented well and resulted in some truly expressive wines.

### Tasting Notes

Full-bodied with a rich, smooth texture. Flavors of fresh apple and pear are followed by hints of vanilla and delicate spice, complemented by a whisper of caramelized sugar and balanced oak on the finish.

### Thoughts for Food

Try this wine with more robust flavored meals like lobster ravioli in a rich cream sauce, or herb roasted chicken with butternut or acorn squash.