



## 2016 Arcturos Cabernet Franc



**Blend:** 100% Cabernet Franc

**Appellation:** Michigan, Leelanau Peninsula and Old Mission Peninsula

**Fermentation:** 100% malolactic

**Maturation:** 10 months in mostly older American and Eastern European oak

**Bottling Data:** 0% residual sugar, 12.7% 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 was 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

Aromas of dark skinned fruit and spice lend to flavors of berries and red plums, complemented by some intriguing herbaceous and peppery notes.

### Thoughts for Food

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

