



2016 Arcturos Sur Lie Chardonnay



Blend: 100% Chardonnay
Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula
Vineyard Source: Capella and Isidor's Choice
Harvest: October 6-19, 2016
Bottling Data: .71% residual sugar, 13.17% alcohol
Cases Produced: 2443

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

Exclusively aged in stainless steel, this unoaked Chardonnay is a true expression of the grape and soil. Bright flavors of apple, citrus and pear are complemented by lively acidity followed by a clean finish.

Thoughts for Food

A great accompaniment to a wide variety of lighter fare such as roasted chicken, freshwater fish and seafood. The crisp acidity also lends itself as a palette cleanser to richer pasta dishes and cream based sauces.

