



2017 Arcturos Late Harvest Riesling



Blend: 100% Riesling
Appellation: Michigan
Vineyards: 75% Old Mission Peninsula, 25% Leelanau Peninsula
Harvest: November 8, 2017
Bottling Data: 5.6% residual sugar, 10.3% 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 2017 harvest was one of those classic “up and down” growing seasons. It started strong with early bud break, however lack of adequate sun during the summer slowed down ripening. September thankfully brought sunshine and warmer temps and the fruit started to progress quickly, resulting in excellent early white fruit, then superb early reds. Rains during October caused a pause during harvest in order to let the late season reds and whites dry out. However, patience in the vineyard allowed these grapes to reach optimal ripeness producing some truly beautiful wines.

Tasting Notes

This Riesling is vibrantly alive, lush and highlighted with a balanced sweetness. Aromas of fresh fruit are followed by concentrated flavors of apples, apricots and peaches, then complemented by honey undertones.

Thoughts for Food

Think spicy ethnic cuisine, traditional German foods and Asian fusion. Pair it with pungent cheese like blue cheese, or traditional creme brulee for a truly decadent treat!

