



2017 Arcturos Barrel Aged Chardonnay



Blend: 100% Chardonnay

Appellation: Leelanau Peninsula

Vineyard Source: Leelanau Summit, Isidor's Choice

Fermentation: barrel fermented, 100% malolactic

Maturation: 11 months French oak, 25% new

Bottling Data: 0% residual sugar, 13% alcohol

Cases Produced: 1012

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

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.

