



2020 Arcturos Pinot Gris



Blend: 100% Pinot Gris

Appellation: Michigan

Vineyards: 76% Old Mission Peninsula, 24% Leelanau Peninsula

Harvest Dates: 10/9-10/15 2020

Bottling Data: 0% residual sugar, 12.15% alcohol

Cases Produced: 2461

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

2020 was a blessing for us in the industry for various reasons. First, it was an excellent growing season, a true silver lining during the “year of COVID.” Secondly, it was a lighter crop, which helped ease the pressure on our production team. The year started with an earlier bud break, which led to a warmer spring and early summer. Cooler weather settled in early September, typically slowing down development, but the ripening continued because of the smaller crop. We thankfully avoided much of the rain that is often a challenge during this time of year. A mid-October warm-up and plenty of sunshine pushed the ripeness to necessary levels while keeping fruit free of fungal pressures. Early released white wines are showing bright and balanced. Red wines will be limited in volume but of good quality and worth cellaring.

Tasting Notes

Complex yet refreshing, with citrus, melon, and delicate floral notes followed by subtle minerality and balanced acidity. We prefer the richer “Alsatian style” of Pinot Gris over the leaner Italian style of Pinot Grigio. Hence this wine shows big fruit, a luscious mouthfeel but still maintains a dry finish.

Thoughts for Food

Pairs well with appetizers like antipasto, cheese plates, and creamy dips. Also exceptional with pastas in a light cream sauce, poultry dishes, and a myriad of fish and seafood.

