



**Blend:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Appellation:** Michigan

**Vineyards:** 57% Old Mission Peninsula, 43% Leelanau Peninsula

**Harvest Dates:**

10/12/2020-10/16/2020

**Maturation:** 18 months in French oak, 20% new

**Bottling Data:** 0% residual sugar, 12.25% alcohol

**Cases Produced:** 867

## 2020 Arcturos Pinot Noir

Black Star Farms is located on the same 45th Parallel that runs through some of the world's great wine regions. Our unique "lake effect" climate allows us to produce classic varietal wines that truly express our dynamic wine region. Fruit is sourced from the proprietor's vineyards and local grower partners on the Old Mission and Leelanau Peninsulas. This diversity allows us to obtain consistent quality across vintages.

### Winemaker Comments

Pinot Noir is the most prolific red wine grape we grow and bottle. Since day one, we have been committed to making the northwest Michigan version of this variety. Up to five different vineyard sites provide us with fruit. This variety makes us able to be selective with what we produce. The Arcturos brand of this wine is meant to be our front-line Pinot Noir. There is a balance of vibrant fruit and spicy complexity from time in the barrel. If you want to try a Michigan version of what the French call Burgundy, this is your wine

### Tasting Notes

2020 blessed us with perhaps one of the best growing seasons for our red grapes since 2017. This vintage balances delicate barrel spice with notes of red currants, dark cherries, hints of white pepper, and a pleasant, subtle earthiness.

### Thoughts for Food

Pinot Noir tends to be one of the most versatile red wines and is often an excellent addition to many meals. Some of our recommendations include herb-roasted chicken, wild mushroom pizza, grilled salmon, or pepper-crusted tuna steaks.

