



2023 Arcturos Late Harvest Riesling



Blend: 100% Riesling
Appellation: Michigan
Vineyard Source: 77% Old Mission Peninsula, 23% Leelanau Peninsula
Bottling Data: 6.2% residual sugar, 10% alcohol
Cases Produced: 8500

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 our proprietor's vineyards and local grower partners on the Old Mission and Leelanau Peninsulas.

Vintage Overview

The 2023 growing season began with a mild but sunny spring, an early start with plenty of sun and heat throughout the summer, and moderate rain from mid-June through mid-August. We harvested early for sparkling and early ripening white wines, and that fruit showed great development and chemistry. We were then burdened with rain throughout October when it felt like we saw almost daily rainfall. Fortunately, most of the sensitive varieties were already in the winery. Our vineyard crews' dedication to canopy management is a big reason we get the quality fruit we do, even during challenging conditions. Early-released white wines show broader than normal fruit profiles and a softer mouthfeel. Red wines were more challenging, but in general, the quality is still very good, namely because of detailed selection in the vineyards and sorting at the winery.

Tasting Notes

This Riesling is vibrantly alive, lush, and highlighted with a balanced sweetness. Enjoy fresh apricots, candy peach rings, and white blossoms on the nose followed by notes of white peach, candied lemon peel, and undertones of honey on the palate.

Thoughts for Food

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

