



## 2019 Leorie Vineyard Merlot Cabernet Franc

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 both the proprietor's vineyards and those of local grower partners on the Old Mission and Leelanau Peninsulas. This diversity allows us to obtain consistent quality across vintages.

### Winemakers Comments

This vineyard continues to astound everyone who works in it or with the fruit it provides. Year after year, it produces some of the best grapes in the state. The 2019 vintage is a testament to the expertise of our winemaking team and the quality of this site. Despite the challenges of a wet and cool growing season, the mature vines at Leorie Vineyard afforded us extended hang time, allowing the fruit to ripen more fully before harvest.

### Tasting Notes

This approachable Bordeaux-style blend offers aromas of anise, red plum, and black cherry, complemented by hints of vanilla. Medium-bodied with a focused palate, this wine delivers a fruit-driven profile with soft tannins and flavors of wild bramble fruit, currants, and undertones of limestone.

### Thoughts for Food

Enjoy this wine with hearty meals, braised meats such as venison, lamb, beef, or rich pasta and stews. Suggested dishes include beef wellington, pot roast, and rack of lamb.

**Blend:** 67% Merlot 33% Cabernet Franc

**Appellation:** Old Mission Peninsula

**Maturation:** 18 months in new and 2<sup>nd</sup> use French oak

**Bottling Data:** 0% residual sugar, 13.15% alcohol

**Cases Produced:** 108

