BLACK STAR FARMS

Blend: 100% Chardonnay
Appellation: Old Mission Peninsula
Vineyard Source: 88% Old Mission Peninsula, 12% Leelanau Peninsula
Harvest Date: 10/8-10/16/2021
Bottling Data: .26% residual sugar, 13% alcohol
Cases Produced: 1425

2021 Arcturos Sur Lie Chardonnay

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 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 2021 growing season was one we'd like to see every year if only that were possible. It was an excellent growing season, with a mild but sunny spring and plenty of sun and rain throughout the summer. Cooler weather settled in early September, but we still had plenty of sun to continue the ripening. We harvested fruit for the sparkling wines earlier this year than any previous season. We didn't get as much rain in the fall as we often do, so disease pressure remained low. October gave us plenty of sunshine, balanced with an adequate amount of rain to keep the vines healthy, which further helped in developing optimal ripeness. Early released white wines are showing bright fruit, beautiful aromatics, and a slightly softer mouthfeel. Red wines will generally be of good to very good quality and worth cellaring.

Tasting Notes
Aging on the lees gives this wine more complexity not often found in other unoaked Chardonnays. Fruit characteristics are reminiscent of pineapple and lemon peel. A hint of flint and soft notes of honeysuckle enhance this wine's unique aromatics.

Thoughts for Food
A great accompaniment to a wide variety of lighter fare such as roasted chicken, freshwater fish, and seafood. The crisp acidity also lends itself as a palette cleanser to richer pasta dishes and cream-based sauces.