



**Blend:** 100% Chardonnay

**Appellation:** Michigan

**Vineyard Source:** 75%  
Old Mission Peninsula,  
25% Leelanau Peninsula

**Harvest Date:**  
10/3/2022

**Winemaking:** Stainless  
steel, 4+ months on the  
lees

**Bottling Data:** .37%  
residual sugar, 13%  
alcohol

## 2022 Arcturos Sur Lie Chardonnay

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. This diversity allows us to obtain consistent quality across vintages.

### Vintage Overview

The 2022 growing season was one we'd like to see every year. We had a mild but sunny spring, plenty of sun and heat throughout the summer, and a substantial drought extending from mid-June through mid-August. We harvested early for the sparkling wines, and that fruit showed great development and chemistry. We had little rain in September, so disease pressure remained lower than usual until mid-October. We were burdened with more rain than was ideal for mid-season harvesting. 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 broad fruit profiles, beautiful aromatics, and a softer mouthfeel. Red wines will be good to excellent in 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

Perfect with lighter fare, such as roasted chicken, freshwater fish, and seafood. The crisp acidity will also cut through cream or butter-based pasta dishes.

