

## Onyx Shiraz 2003

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Spicy notes on the nose with aromas of coffee and mocha, accompanied by a full-bodied and well balanced palate. Great concentration of lingering fruit, the palate is seduced by the wines sheer opulence.

**variety :** Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

**winery :** Darling Cellars

**winemaker :** Abe Beukes

**wine of origin :** Groenekloof/Darling

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.57 ta : 5.89 g/l

**type :** Red **body :** Full **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle **closure :** Cork

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**ageing :** Drink now and over the next 5 to 10 years.

### in the vineyard :

The semi-precious stone of Onyx represents the dark granite bedrock so prevalent in the premium vineyard of Groenekloof. This vineyard, is without doubt, our most treasured pride and joy! It is only the very best of these selected parcels which produce wines of great depth and complexity that are bottled under Onyx.

**Terroir:** Deep dark coloured soils from decomposed granite in the Darling hills.

**Vineyards:** Bush vine/dry land

**Climate:** The climate is positively influenced by the Atlantic Ocean with sunny days and cool nights.

**about the harvest:** Crush and destalk, 14 days fermentation at 25°C

**in the cellar :** Ageing: A combination of new and second fill 300 litre French Oak barrels. Aged for 15 months, with an additional 6 months bottle ageing before release.

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