

Dornier Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2009

As 2009 was a fantastic year we were blessed with great fruit concentration along with fine structured tannins. The wine possesses great fruit ranging from red berries and plum with hints of blackberries backed up by lush aromas of mocha and cloves. The palate has an abundance of dense, yet fine tannins with superior fruit and a well balanced acidity.

Best with beef, lamb and game dishes cooked in a concentrated sauce full of flavour. Will also pair well with dishes enhanced with black pepper and cloves. Other great pairings include rich duck dishes, quail and also works very well with roast lamb and beef stews.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 49% Merlot

winery : Dornier Wines

winemaker : JC Steyn

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 3.4 g/l pH : 3.55 ta : 5.8 g/l va : 0.46 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : From 2011 for up to 8 years.

in the vineyard : The 2009 vintage was hailed as one of the best vintages since 2003. Moderately warm climatic conditions prevailed throughout the growing seasons with relatively little rain, which resulted in very even vine growth. These characteristics are extremely desirable for top quality fruit production. Crop levels were however slightly lower than previous years, but as is often the case, it invariably leads to more intense fruit expression.

in the cellar : Although Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot are great blending partners we ferment and age each parcel separately until final blending just prior to bottling. Each portions receives approximately 25% new 225 liter French oak with the remainder being second and third fill barrels for anything between 16 and 18 months. The 2009 comprised 51% Cabernet Sauvignon and 49% Merlot.

