

Darling Cellars Limited Release Sir Charles Henry Darling 2011

A classic blend of noble varietals showing ripe berries, dark chocolate and vanilla aroma. The juicy softness of Merlot combines with the structure and freshness of Petit Verdot. Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc add to the complexity of this wine.

The unusual blend with a high percentage of ripe Petit Verdot needs serious red meat dishes like lamb, steak and venison.

variety : Merlot | 37% Merlot, 36% Petit Verdot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Darling Cellars

winemaker : Abe Beukes

wine of origin : Darling

analysis : alc : 14.98 % vol rs : 1.83 g/l pH : 3.68 ta : 5.41 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Drink between 2014 – 2018.

in the vineyard : We have created some stand alone premium wines to showcase the diversity of Darling Cellars and the Darling region. All so unique, we couldn't find a place for them in our 3 core ranges. Definitely wines to come look for, as they are only available from the cellar door.

SIR CHARLES HENRY DARLING

Paying tribute to the Governor of the Cape Colony when our home town was founded, this wine truly deserves to be called a Darling. A great proponent of human rights and fondly named "the people's governor", Sir Charles Henry only spent a short time in charge of the Cape Colony. But in that time, a small piece of paradise got a really suiting name!

Terroir: Deep red soils from decomposed granite dominate the sites selected for these wines.

Vineyard type: Bush Vine and trellised vines

about the harvest: Yield: 4 - 6 t/ha

Balling at Harvest: 23° - 25° B

in the cellar : Vinification: Crush and destalk, 12- 14 days co -fermentation of the 4 cultivars and 10 days longer on the skins

Maturation: Barrel fermentation in 80% new French Oak for 15 months. Bottle aged for 12 months before release.



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