

Darling Cellars Limited Release MCC Blanc de Blanc Brut 2011

Rich straw in colour, with a beautiful array of bubbles as the wine is poured. Slight citrus notes on the nose are supported by ripe apple and brioche from the Chardonnay and 20 months on lees.

A beautifully balanced dryness and persistent mousse on the palate makes this a great MCC to savour with Oysters, or a stunning sunset...

variety : Chardonnay | 100% Chardonnay

winery : Darling Cellars

winemaker : Abe Beukes & Welma Myburgh

wine of origin : Darling

analysis : **alc** : 12.42 % vol **rs** : 9.7 g/l **pH** : 3.11 **ta** : 9.7 g/l

type : Sparkling **style** : Dry **taste** : Fragrant

pack : Bottle **size** : 0 **closure** : Cork

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 look out for, as they are only available from the cellar door.

DARLING CELLARS METHODE CAP CLASSIQUE

Never a fast process, developing our Methodé Cap Classique was no exception to the rule. The Chardonnay grapes were harvested at optimal ripeness for a MCC, a little higher in acidity and not overripe to preserve the natural acidity and have a low alcohol. Secondary fermentation leads to the buildup of pressure and infusion of bubbles into the wine, making this a stunning, naturally bottle fermented, matured on lees MCC. Definitely wines to look out for, as they are only available from the cellar door and at selected outlets.

Terroir: Medium yellow, non-arid sandy soils with 60% red laterite dominating the sub surface soil.

Vineyard type: Bush Vine, dry land farmed

about the harvest: Yield: 6 t/ha

Balling at Harvest: 18° B

in the cellar : Vinification: Crush and destalk, 14 days fermentation and secondary fermentation in the bottle

Maturation: Kept on the lees for 18 months for a fuller mouth feel, complexity and stable bubbles



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