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Dornier Merlot 2013

Generally known for its understated class and elegance, this Merlot is no exception. The wine has aromas of juicy plums, mint and tomato leaf. The palate shows freshness and balance, with flavours of ripe black cherries, menthol and tobacco. There is a fine minerality present, and the wine shows understated class and elegance.

This wine pairs well with rich meat dishes, such as roasted lamb, braised beef cheeks and oxtail, due to the fine tannin structure. The wine will also work well with game dishes, like roasted quail, duck or venison.



variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Dornier Wines
winemaker : JC Steyn
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 13.5 % vol **rs :** 1.8 g/l **pH :** 3.59 **ta :** 5.3 g/l **va :** 0.52 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

in the vineyard : The vines are planted on a soils consisting of red and yellow decomposed granite, with a high clay content. The site is sloped, allowing good drainage despite the moisture-retaining capacity of the soils, which aids in keeping the roots cool. This leads to slow ripening of the berries, and excellent balance in the grapes.

about the harvest: The grapes were hand-picked

in the cellar : The grapes were hand-picked and sorted before fermentation, to ensure that only the finest quality fruit was selected for the wine. The grapes were fermented in open stainless steel tanks with gentle pump overs performed twice daily to extract softer tannins. The wine spent 12 months ageing in French oak barrels. The wine was not fined before bottling.