

Dornier Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2012

This wine shows rich dark fruits on the nose, with aromas of blackcurrant, boysenberry, chocolate and cedar wood. The palate is rich in ripe berries, with hints of mocha. The tannins are fine in structure, and the wine is full in balance with a lingering fruity finish.

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 | 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Merlot

winery : Dornier Wines

winemaker : JC Steyn

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : **alc** : 14.0 % vol **rs** : 1.6 g/l **pH** : 3.53 **ta** : 5.3 g/l **va** : 0.43 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size** : 750ml **closure** : Cork

This wine shows ripe fruit flavours ranging from mulberry and plum with subtle roasted oak flavours and hints of vanilla and spice. The palate boasts excellent concentration with super fine tannins and great length.

in the vineyard : In 2012 we had an unusually cooler February, allowing the fruit to hang on the vines for longer. This resulted in smaller, concentrated berries with intense flavours and natural acidity.

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 portion receives approximately 25% new 225 liter French oak with the remainder being second and third fill barrels for anything between 16 and 18 months.

