

Darling Cellars Gustus Shiraz 2018

This elegant and expressive fruit driven wine, exhibits hints of cloves, tobacco, Christmas cake and crushed black pepper. Ripe red cherries and mulberries as well as a hint of chocolate follow through to a well-structured and lengthy palate with fine grained tannins.

Pairs well with a beef casserole, braised pork neck, oxtail stew, bolognese, Biltong & Bobotie (South African favourites!) or any venison dishes.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Darling Cellars

winemaker : Pieter-Niel Rossouw, Carel Hugo

wine of origin : Darling

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.81 g/l pH : 3.5 ta : 5.8 g/l

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

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

2020 Veritas Awards - Gold

2019 Tim Atkin - 90 Points

2019 Ergebnis Mundus Vini Summer Tasting - Silver

Translated from Latin 'gustus' means 'taste' and this is what this wine is all about.

Darling Cellars Gustus comes from specific vineyards which are selected for their uniqueness in prominent terroir flavours. These vineyards are planted in the best terroir for the specific varietal. Vineyards are carefully monitored by the winemaker who ultimately decides when the grapes will be harvested. The hand selection of grapes is focused on optimum ripeness at the crusher to deliver flavour in you glass. The best judge of TASTE is yourself!

in the vineyard : Deep, dark coloured laterite soils from decomposed Granite in the Darling Hills. Micro climate positively influenced by the Atlantic with sunny days and cool evenings. Bush Vines, no irrigation. Yield 4-6 t/ha.

about the harvest: 26-27°B

in the cellar :

5 day cold soak and then fermentation in open tanks with a combination of pump overs and punch downs. Alcoholic fermentation is finished on the skins and extended skin contact for another 10 days. Aged in a combination of French and American oak barrels for 22 months.



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