

## Dornier Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2018

This wine displays aromas of blackcurrant, chocolate and cigar box. The palate is rich in texture with flavours of ripe berries and hints of mocha. The tannins are firm in structure and in balance with the fruity finish to give the wine a smooth texture.

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 | 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot

**winery** : Dornier Wines

**winemaker** : Philip van Staden

**wine of origin** : Stellenbosch

**analysis** : **alc** : 14.5 % vol **rs** : 4 g/l **pH** : 3.58 **ta** : 5.8 g/l **va** : 0.66 g/l

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

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

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**ageing** : From 2022 for up to 10 years

**in the vineyard** : 2018 was an outstanding harvest in the Stellenbosch area that produced wines of great character. The grapes are from our Groenkloof farm on the slopes of Stellenbosch Mountain. The soil is composed of decomposed granite. The vines get full sun which allows for optimum development of rich berry characters and ripe tannins in this blend.

**in the cellar** : Although Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot are great blending partners we ferment and age every component of both varieties of this blend separately until final blending just prior to bottling. This wine was aged in 30% new French oak barrels with the remainder being second and third fill barrels for 18 months. The 2018 blend consists of 63% Cabernet Sauvignon and 37% Merlot.

