

## Dornier Merlot 2020

Dornier Merlot 2020 has aromas of cherry, dark berries and hints of fynbos with a bright ruby-red colour. The palate shows freshness and balance, with flavours of ripe black cherries, plums and blackcurrant. There is a lengthy fullness on the palate and an understated class and elegance.

This wine is the perfect match for game, such as kudu, roasted and stewed red meats, and aged cheeses.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Dornier Wines

**winemaker :** Philip van Staden

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol   rs : 2.9 g/l   pH : 3.56   ta : 6.1 g/l

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

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

2024 Taransaud Merlot Top 10 - Top 10 winner

**in the vineyard :** The vines are planted on the south westerly slopes of Stellenbosch Mountain in soils consisting of red and yellow decomposed granite with a high clay content. The Merlot vineyard is planted to selected clones that yield better quality grapes and lower production per vine. Viticultural techniques based on methods and principles respectful to the environment allow for a productive balance of about 8 tons of grapes per hectare.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were hand-picked at optimal ripeness.

**in the cellar :** The grapes were sorted before fermentation, to ensure that only the finest quality fruit was selected for the wine. The grapes were fermented in stainless-steel tanks with pump overs performed regularly. The wine spent 18 months ageing in French oak barrels before final blending and bottling.

