

## Dornier Cocoa Hill Merlot 2022

The wine shows aromas of black and red fruit, pepper and a hint of spice. The palate is flavourful and well balanced with concentrated fruit, fresh acidity and fine tannins and a lingering finish.

Cocoa Hill Merlot pairs perfectly with roasted and stewed red meats and strong, aged cheeses.

**variety :** Merlot | 100%

**winery :** Dornier Wines

**winemaker :** Philip van Staden

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14 % vol rs : 4 g/l pH : 3.54 ta : 5.6 g/l va : 0.61 g/l

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

**pack :** Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** 0

**ageing :** From 2024 for up to 4 years.

**in the vineyard :** The vines are planted on our Groenkloof farm on the slopes of the Stellenbosch Mountain. The soil is composed of coffee coloured decomposed granite. The vines get full sun which allows for the optimum development of rich berry characters and smooth tannins in the grapes.

**about the harvest:** All components of this blend were fermented separately in vineyard specific batches with pump-overs for colour and tannin extraction being performed five times daily.

**in the cellar :** The wine was barrel matured for 12 months in French oak barrels and a small un-oaked component was used to provide a fresh and lively character.

