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WINES



Modern Classics from Stellenbosch

2012 | DONATUS - STELLENBOSCH

Cabernet Sauvignon 35% / Cabernet franc 24% / Petit Verdot 22% / Malbec 19%

Tasting notes by Winemaker

This nose is bursting with flavours of blackcurrant, minerals and liquorice. The palate is refined and delicate, elegant yet showing strength from firm silky tannins. Flavours of blackberry and cassis are abundant, with hints of dark cherry and a touch of cedar. This wine will age beautifully.

Vineyards

Donatus is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec, from 4 unique vineyards on the slopes of the Stellenbosch Mountain Range. The soil consists of red decomposed granite with a lot of rocky material and a high clay content. Clay has a cooling effect as it retains water. This keeps the roots cool and leads to slow ripening of the grapes. The 2012 vintage was a fantastic one at Dornier. The vineyards showed impeccable balance, with small bunches and concentrated berries. February was unusually cool, which allowed the grapes to ripen at a leisurely pace.

Winemaking

The grapes are picked by hand, and the berries are sorted in the cellar to ensure that only the best fruit is used for the wine. The parcels of fruit ferment separately in open top fermenters, with gentle pump overs performed twice daily. Malolactic fermentation takes place in barrel, and the wine spends a further 18 months maturing in French oak, a third of which is new. The wine is blended after maturation, which allows us to select the finest components for the final wine.

Food pairing

This wine will pair excellently with spring lamb, venison or rare beef fillet. It will also work well with springbok carpaccio, beef or lamb stews prepared with red wine and tomatoes, and earthy rich vegetarian dishes.

Analysis

Alcohol: 14% Res. Sugar: 1.9 g/L pH: 3.51, Total Acidity: 5.5g/L
VA: 0.46g/l

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