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Modern Classics from Stellenbosch

2006 | DORNIER MERLOT - STELLENBOSCH

Dornier Wines is a boutique winery situated in one of the world's prime winegrowing areas; the Stellenbosch Mountain. All our vineyards lie within a radius of two kilometers. Nevertheless, they offer a surprising richness of different soil types and microclimates. This Merlot is the result of a careful selection of fruit from our healthy vineyards.

Vintage Conditions

The 2006 harvest started off with relatively cool conditions, which continued into mid summer allowing for a slow and even ripening. This also led to the harvest being delayed by up to 14 days as compared to 2005. The crop we experienced was on average lower, however this resulted in increased intensity and flavour concentration among both red and white varieties with excellent colour and elegant, fine structured wines being produced.

Fermentation and Aging

Each batch of Merlot was fermented in open stainless steel tanks with gentle and pump-overs performed twice daily to obtain a fine and balanced tannin structure. After primary alcoholic fermentation the wines underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel followed by 16 months ageing in 30% new French oak and the remainder in second fill French oak barrels to produce supple, rounded tannins. Each lot of Merlot was then carefully selected and skilfully blended to create this unique expression.

Peak drinking

From 2009 for up to 8 years.

Tasting Note by the Winemaker

Generally known for its understated class and elegance, this Merlot is no exception. Flavours of fresh plum and cassis fruit dominate the nose supported by harmonious oak flavours of mocha, cedar and cloves. The palate encounters a superb structure backed up by balanced, well-rounded acidity leaving a fresh, elegant and lasting impression.

Analysis: Alcohol: 14%; Residual sugar: 2.1g/L; Total Acid: 5.8g/L; Final pH: 3.47; VA: 0.52g/l



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