

## Darling Cellars "Six Tonner" Merlot 2004

main variety Merlot

vintage 2004

analysis alc: 14.0 | ph: 3.37 | rs: 2.00 | ta: 5.31

type Red

producer Darling Cellars

style Dry

winemaker Abe Beukes

taste Fruity

wine of Coastal

body Medium

### tasting notes

A soft, fruity wine with delicate ripe plum flavours both on the nose and palate. Lightly oaked, this wine has a wonderfully appealing balance between fruit and wood.

### blend information

100% Merlot

### in the vineyard

Vineyards: Bush vines/dryland Terroir: Deep soils from decomposed granite. Climate: Warm sunny days and the moderating influence of the Atlantic Ocean. Nestled in a region blessed by superlative vineyards, exquisite Flamingoes and rare orchids, Darling Cellars is located close to the tiny hamlet of Darling on the cool West Coast of South Africa. As a privately owned winery with almost 1,700ha under vine, situated mainly in the newly discovered premium vineyard of "Groenekloof", our wines are set to rival the best in the Cape.

### about the harvest

Crush and destalk, 12 days fermentation at 22-28°C.

### in the cellar

After malolactic fermentation, wine is racked into barrels for 10 months. A blend of 3rd and 4th fill barrels are used.

