



Darling Cellars Reserve Old Blocks Pinotage 2011

main variety Pinotage

vintage 2011

analysis alc: 13.65 | ph: 3.7 | rs: 4.5 | ta: 5.99

type Red

producer Darling Cellars

style Dry

winemaker Abé Beukes, Carel Hugo

taste Fruity

wine of Darling

body Medium

tasting notes

An inky black wine with complex fruits and floral hints on the nose. On the palate tannin structure is balanced by flavours of liquorice, dark berries and plums.

blend information

100% Pinotage

food suggestions

A delicious combination with venison!

in the vineyard

The recent demarcation of the Darling district has led to a focus at Darling Cellars on wines which are terroir and varietal specific. The cool and temperate West Coast climate lends itself to a different micro- and mesoclimate which, along with the different types of soil, lead to unique grapes, which we guide into even more unique wines. Having 99% of all vineyards dry land and almost the same percentage as bush vine, this is as close to what nature intended for grapes to be as one can get.

Darling Cellars Reserve is a wine range of straight varieties where the focus is on fruit driven, varietal true, value for money wines.

Terroir: Deep, decomposed granite soils on the slopes of the Darling Hills, with a cooling effect in the warm afternoons from the Atlantic Ocean in close proximity.

Vineyard type: Bush Vine, dry land.

about the harvest

Yield: 3 t/ha

Balling at Harvest: 24° B

in the cellar

Vinification: Crush and destalk, 10 days fermentation at 22° C on skin. Pressed at 5° B.

Maturation: After malolactic fermentation, wine is racked into barrels for 12 months. A blend of 3rd and 4th fill French barrels are used.