

vintage 2015

analysis alc: 11.44 | ph: 3.34 | rs: 9.6 | ta: 7.17

type Sparkling producer Darling Cellars

winemaker Pieter-Niel Rossouw & Maggie Venter style Dry

taste Fragrant wine of Darling

tasting notes

A pale golden color with lime green tinges gives a hint to the flavors that might follow. The bouquet displays buttery, toasty, ripe apples and citrus notes. Flavors follow through on the palate with a crisp, well balanced acidity and undertones of brioche and butterscotch due to extended lees contact.

blend information

100% Chardonnay

food suggestions

This stylish MCC will compliment any occasion.

in the vineyard

Never a fast process, developing our Methodé Cap Classique was no exception to the rule. The Chardonnay grapes were harvested at optimal ripeness for a MCC, a little higher in acidity and not overripe to preserve the natural acidity and have a low alcohol. Secondary fermentation leads to the buildup of pressure and infusion of bubbles into the wine, making this a stunning, naturally bottle fermented, matured on lees MCC. Definitely wines to look out for, as they are only available from the cellar door and at selected outlets.

about the harvest

Yield: 6 t/ha

Balling at Harvest: 18° B

in the cellar

Vinification: Crush and destalk, 14 days fermentation and secondary fermentation in the

Maturation: Kept on the lees for 16 months for a fuller mouth feel, complexity and stable

bubbles

