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WINES



Modern Classics from Stellenbosch

2002 | DONATUS

Dave Hughes (RSA): "Full and flowing in the mouth with great structure and balance."

Philosophy

With our DONATUS, we strive to create a red premium blend showing both a distinctive local character and our individual style. We achieve this with a careful selection of fruit from our healthy vineyards. All wines are fermented and aged in separate batches and skilfully blended after a long ageing process. There are no standard blending components; consistency is only to be achieved in quality and style. DONATUS offers the best of old world classic concentration and new world boldness.

Vintage Conditions

The 2002 Vintage was a particularly warm vintage thus giving us full intense ripe flavours that were balanced with the classic Cabernet Sauvignon 35% offering a concentrated fruit component, Merlot 30% offering a solid backbone and then Shiraz 25% opening up more toward the spicy, plummy fruits and then finally Cabernet Franc 10% showing mineral elements of Claret.

Fermentation and Aging

Our red wines for the DONATUS blend were fermented in vineyard specific batches for between 14 and 21 days being punched down or pumped over twice a day, the wines then spent a further 18 months in first fill barrels with the Shiraz component in American oak barrels and the rest in French Oak barrels.

Tasting Note by the Winemaker

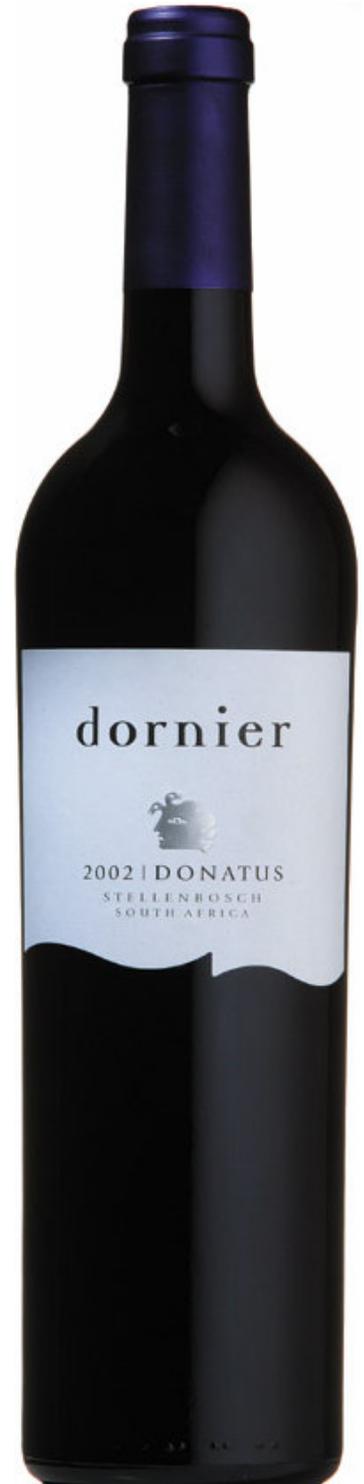
This deep crimson coloured wine is a perfect balance between structure and finish. With elements of minerals, fruit and weight there is an underlying identity to this wine. Balance between plump ripe black berries, spices and the mineral elements on the nose, these flavours are strong to follow through onto the palate with huge weight on the mid-palate followed by a massive finish of structure and depth.

Peak drinking

2005 to 2010

Analysis

Residual sugar:	2 %	Final pH:	3.5
Alcohol:	13.5 %	Total Acid:	6.5g/L
Total sulphur dioxide:	60ppm		



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