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WINES



Modern Classics from Stellenbosch

2003 | DONATUS RED

Cabernet Franc 43%, Merlot 37%, Cabernet Sauvignon 20%

With our DONATUS, we strive to create a premium red 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

Due to the climatic condition during the harvest period, the grapes ripened slow and evenly providing for perfect flavour and quality. Smaller than usual berry sizes also resulted in great concentration and structure among the red wines.

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 20 months in first fill, French oak barrels.

Tasting Note by the Winemaker

With its deep red colour this wine possesses multi-layered aspects. At first one is encountered by the luscious fruit of cherry and blackberry, sidelined by ever-present hints of cedar and cassis and perhaps even slight nuances of tobacco on the nose. Moving on to the palate one unearths elegance, finesse and poise common to this combination of Bordeaux varieties with soft tannins and a fresh acidity providing for a lengthy aftertaste of crisp fruit and liquorice. A truly well balanced wine.

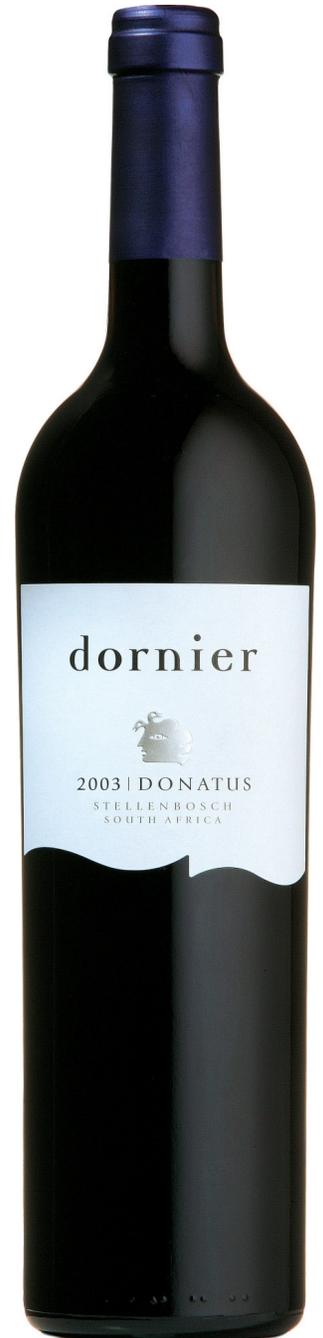
Peak drinking

2006 to 2011

Accolades

Platter 4 Stars, Michelangelo Gold, Mundus Vini Gold, IWSC Silver & Best in Class, Decanter Silver

Analysis: Alcohol: 14%; Residual sugar: 1.8g/L; Final pH: 3.42; Total Acid: 6.4g/L; VA: 0.5g/l



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