

# dornier

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## *Modern Classics from Stellenbosch*

### **2003 | DORNIER MERLOT**

Dornier Wines is boutique winery situated in one of the world's prime winegrowing areas, the Stellenbosch Mountain. All our vineyards lie within a perimeter of two kilometers. Nevertheless, they offer a surprising richness of different soil types and microclimates. This Merlot is the result of a careful selection of fruit from our healthy vineyards. All wines are fermented and aged in separate batches and skillfully blended after a long ageing process. This wine leans towards the full up front ripe flavours giving it its expressive New World status.

#### ***Vintage Conditions***

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

#### ***Fermentation and Aging***

Our red wines are 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 French Oak barrels before being carefully selected and blended.

#### ***Peak drinking***

From 2005 for up to 10 years.

#### ***Tasting Note by the Winemaker***

This wine has an intense deep red colour, dominated by a fine concentration of red fruits, cherry and plum, backed up by tones of cedar, spice and oak on the nose. The palate is typically reinforced by firm, ripe, yet elegant tannins bursting with fruit density and a well-integrated harmony between fruit and oak. It is excellently complimented by a balanced well-rounded acidity and a full aftertaste providing for great texture and superb longevity.

***Accolades:*** Michelangelo Gold, Mundus Vini Silver

#### ***Analysis***

Residual sugar: 3.8g/L

Alcohol: 14 %

Total sulphur dioxide: 80ppm

Total Acid: 6.5g/L

Final pH: 3.34

