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Modern Classics from Stellenbosch

2006 | DORNIER PINOTAGE - STELLENBOSCH

Dornier Wines is a boutique winery situated in one of the world's prime winegrowing areas, the Stellenbosch Mountain. All our vineyards lie within a radius of two kilometers. Nevertheless, they offer a surprising richness of different soil types and microclimates. This Pinotage is the result of a careful selection of fruit from our healthy vineyards. With this wine we aim to show what we believe this unique South African varietal is capable of.

Vintage Conditions

2006 Harvest started off with relatively cooler early and mid summer weather conditions, which allowed for slow and even ripening. This led to the harvest being delayed by up to 14 days compared to 2005. The crop was on average lower, resulting in increased intensity and flavour concentration in both the red and white varieties with excellent colour and elegance producing finely structured wines.

Fermentation and Aging

This wine was fermented in open stainless steel tanks with gentle pump overs performed twice daily as to only extract the elegant soft tannins. After primary alcoholic fermentation the wines underwent malolactic fermentation followed by 12 months ageing in 30% new and the remainder in second fill French oak barrels to provide for supple, rounded tannins

Peak drinking

From 2007 for up to 8 years.

Tasting Note by the Winemaker

With its intense dark purple hue, this wine offers everything from earth- and mineral-laced aromas to fragrant plum and dark fruit characteristics well complemented by hints of licorice and cedar. The palate provides an elegant balance between a fine, yet powerfully styled tannin structure and an opulent fruit core comprising of wild berry and similar plum characteristic as found on the nose. The finish culminates in a variety of lingering flavours for a long, rich aftertaste.



Analysis : Alcohol: 14 %; Residual sugar: 2.1g/L; Total Acid: 5.26g/L; Final pH: 3.57; VA: 0.5

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