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Modern Classics from Stellenbosch

2007 | 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 perimeter 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 should taste like.

Vintage Conditions

The season leading up to the harvest period provided excellent conditions for optimal ripeness and flavour concentration. This year the harvest started earlier than expected, 10 days to be exact, however, it ended approximately 10 days later. These longer ripening conditions therefore provided for excellent fruit concentration and elegance.

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 11% new and the remainder in second fill French oak barrels ageing to provide for supple, rounded tannins

Peak drinking

From 2008 for up to 8 years.

Tasting Note by the Winemaker

Each year the vineyard block leaves us amazed at the consistent quality and class of the wine it produces. Both parents of this cultivar (Pinot noir and Cinsaut) are each now becoming ever present. The wine shows the elegance and poise of the Pinot noir with its freshness and mild blackberry characteristics. From the Cinsaut it borrows the masculine flavours and upfront fruit attributes to provide for a truly complex wine with a fine, well-crafted tannin structure.

Food Pairing

A truly versatile wine that pairs well with many of the red meat dishes, stew etc. but also has the unique ability to pair with dishes that have elements of spice within them such as mild poultry curries as well as the ever popular Cape Malay dish, Bobotie.



Analysis : Alcohol: 14 %; Residual sugar: 2.6g/l; Total Acid: 5.2g/l; Final pH: 3.57; VA: 0.39

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