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Modern Classics from Stellenbosch

Dornier Wines wins award for best architecture

Top-end wine producer, Dornier Wines, has been selected by the Great Wine Capitals Global Network as one of five wine estates worldwide to win a National Award for architecture in their Best of Wine Tourism Awards for 2005.

This year's contest attracted a large pool of entrants from world-famous wine regions throughout the world, including many from Italy, France and Spain. Awards were issued to particularly distinctive wineries that demonstrated exceptional capability to cater for, and welcome, visitors and tourists.

A masterful fusion of art with architecture, it was Dornier's 500-ton winery that attracted the selector's attention. Mimicking the vision of owner Christoph Dornier - a vision that was realised by architect Johan Malherbe - the winery was completed in late 2003 and now offers a new attraction to visitors to the Winelands.

Aesthetically, the winery boasts a New York loft-style feel. Operationally, it's a masterpiece that's seen it described as 'one of the best wineries in South Africa because of its simplicity.'

The sweeping, curved roof reflects the profile of surrounding mountains to blend with the environment. Glassy water from an expansive pond mirrors the roofline and serves to cool the maturation cellar beneath. Industrial materials such as glass, stainless steel, anodised aluminium and wood predominate to give a pared-down, industrial-chic feel. Inside, an administration area flows effortlessly to cellar, maturation cellar and visitors tasting room that couples as a lookout post to the surrounding forest, vineyards, fynbos and mountains. Enormous glass windows flanking the central plaza adjacent to the tasting area allow for non-intrusive transparency into the winemaking process. Here, stainless steel fermentation tanks are suspended and walkways have been widened to prevent a cramped working environment.



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