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WINES



Modern Classics from Stellenbosch

2016 | Dornier Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot

Tasting Note by the Winemaker

This wine displays aromas of blackcurrant, chocolate and cedar wood. The palate is rich in texture with flavours of ripe berries and hints of mocha. The tannins are firm in structure and in balance with the fruity finish to give the wine a smooth texture.

Vintage Conditions

2016 was an outstanding harvest in the Stellenbosch area that produced wines of great character. The grapes are from our Groenkloof and Keerweder farms on the slopes of Stellenbosch Mountain. The soil is composed of decomposed granite. The vines get full sun which allows for optimum development of rich berry characters and ripe tannins in this blend.

Fermentation and Ageing

Although Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot are great blending partners we ferment and age every component of both varieties of this blend separately until final blending just prior to bottling. This wine was aged in 25% new French oak with the remainder being second and third fill barrels for 12 months. The 2016 blend consists of 59% Cabernet Sauvignon and 41% Merlot.

Peak drinking

From 2019 for up to 10 years.

Food Pairing

Best with beef, lamb and game dishes cooked in a concentrated sauce. Will also pair well with dishes enhanced with black pepper and cloves. Other great pairings include rich duck and quail dishes.

Analysis: Alcohol: 14.5%, Residual Sugar: 3.8 g/l, TA: 5.9 g/l, pH: 3.57, VA: 0.66 g/l

