



DARLING CELLARS WEST COAST

The recent demarcation of the Darling district has led to a focus at Darling Cellars on wines which are terroir and varietal specific. The cool and temperate West Coast climate lends itself to a different micro- and mesoclimate which, along with the different types of soil, lead to unique grapes, which we guide into even more unique wines. Having 99% of all vineyards dry land and almost the same percentage as bush vine, this is as close to what nature intended for grapes to be as one can get.

FLAMINGO BAY

Flamingo Bay takes its name from the nearby flamingo inhabited lagoon on the West Coast which is in close proximity to the vineyards we use to make this wine. The idea behind Flamingo Bay is easy drinking fun wines which are rich in vibrant fruit, displays a little bit of complexity, but is never heavy, nor dull. Wines for all festive occasions.

Wine:	Merlot Rosé
Vintage:	2009
Origin:	Darling
Cultivar(s):	100% Merlot
Winemaker:	Abé Beukes and Welma Myburgh
Terroir:	Decomposed granite in the area surrounding Darling Hills. Hot summers moderated by the cool Atlantic
Vineyard type:	Bush Vine, no irrigation
Yield:	6-8 t/ha
Balling at Harvest:	21°B
Vinification:	Crush and destalk, racked from the skins before fermentation, 10 days fermentation at 13°C
Maturation:	Maturing in Stainless Steel tanks
Alc:	13.3%
TA:	6.17 g/l
RS:	4.00 g/l
pH:	3.44

Winemaker's comments:

Pomegranate and cranberry juice in colour, this is what summer drinking is all about. Strawberries and Turkish Delight on the nose and the palate make for a mouth watering and appetising wine. A great wine to enjoy and flirt over!

Buy by the caseload!

