



## DARLING CELLARS

WEST COAST

The Onyx semi-precious stone, resembling the dark granite soils of Darling's premier vineyards, was chosen as the name for our flagship range. Used as a decorative stone in jewellery, it shines as the jewels in the crown of Darling Cellars' production.

Onyx comes from specific vineyards which are selected for their uniqueness in prominent terroir flavours. These vineyards are planted in the best terroir for the specific varietal. Vineyards are carefully monitored by the winemaker who ultimately decides when the grapes will be harvested. These grapes are handled separately in the cellar to preserve their natural quality and uniqueness.

**Onyx is a dedicated concept from site selection, through to the final drop in the glass at the end of a bottle**

Wine:	Cabernet Sauvignon
Vintage:	2007
Origin:	Groenekloof, Darling
Cultivar(s):	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Winemaker:	Abé Beukes
Terroir:	Deep Hutton soils from decomposed granite dominate the sites selected for these vines
Vineyard type:	Bush Vine, no irrigation
Yield:	4-6 t/ha
Balling at Harvest:	24°B
Vinification:	Crush and destalk, 12-14 days fermentation at 25-28°C
Maturation:	Barrel maturation in 100% French Oak (1st fill) for 15 months. Bottle aged for 12 months before release
Alc:	14.68%
TA:	5.57 g/l
RS:	2.5 g/l
pH:	3.62

**Winemaker's comments:**

An example of pure Cabernet Sauvignon fruit, with aromas of blackberries and cassis. Bottle and barrel maturation resulted in well integrated fruit and wood flavours with a good tannin structure. The excellent 2007 vintage is visible in the ripeness of fruit and the elegance of this wine. A definite food wine, ready for drinking with a good 5 years to look forward to.

