



## 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:	Onyx Kroon
Vintage:	2005
Origin:	Groenekloof, Darling
Cultivar(s):	58% Shiraz, 25% Pinotage, 7% Barbera, 5% Grenache, 5% Mourvedre
Winemaker:	Abé Beukes & Johan Nesenberend
Terroir:	Deep dark coloured soils from decomposed Granite in the Darling Hills. Micro climate positively influenced by the Atlantic with sunny days and cool evenings
Vineyard type:	Bush Vine, no irrigation.
Yield:	3-4 t/ha
Balling at Harvest:	24°B
Vinification:	Crush and destalk, 14-16 days fermentation at 25°C. All components are fermented together.
Maturation:	Aged for 15 months in new 300 litre French oak barrels.
Alc:	14.95 %
TA:	5.42 g/l
RS:	2.7 g/l
pH:	3.73

### Winemaker's comments:

A unique blend in South Africa, and for that matter, in the world! With all components fermented together, another unique concept comes to the fore. This wine is from the beginning destined to be Kroon. Thus only the best grapes are used for this small production of our Flagship wine.

Chocolate, vanilla and spicy notes on the nose, with lots of supporting fruit. A true drinking experience and a must have with good food and friends.

