



## 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: Noble Late Harvest  
Vintage: 2009  
Origin: Groenekloof, Darling  
Cultivar(s): 75% Chenin Blanc & 25% Weisser Riesling  
Winemaker: Abé Beukes & Welma Myburgh

Terroir: Deep, dark coloured Latarite soils in the Darling Hills. Micro climate positively influenced by the Atlantic with sunny days and cool evenings. Rainy weather in the last stages of the harvesting season induced Botrytis fungal growth.

Vineyard type: Bush Vine, no irrigation.  
Yield: 3 t/ha  
Balling at Harvest: 35°B

Vinification: Crush and destalk, 25 days fermentation at 15 - 20°C.

Maturation: 30% of the wine was fermented and aged for 4 months in French oak barrels.

Alc: 12.6%  
TA: 8.58 g/l  
RS: 125 g/l  
pH: 3.63

**Winemaker's comments:**

This Noble Late Harvest was made in a Sautern style, with lower sugar and light wood influences. The wine shows typical Botrytis flavours of dried fruit and good concentration on the palate. The sugar, acid and alcohol is well balanced and the wood maturation adds to the complexity and structure of this sweet wine. Serve cold with soft cheese.

