



## DARLING CELLARS

WEST COAST

Onyx, a 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 jewel 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:	Sauvignon Blanc
Vintage:	2009
Origin:	Darling
Cultivar(s):	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Winemaker:	Abé Beukes + Welma Myburgh
Terroir:	South western facing slopes on deep granite soils are the preferred sites for these vineyards.
Vineyard type:	Bush Vine, no irrigation.
Yield:	4t/ha
Balling at Harvest:	22-23°B
Vinification:	Crush and destalk, 14 days fermentation at 13°C. Reductive winemaking
Maturation:	Left on lees for 3 months in Stainless Steel tanks to add complexity and depth.
Alc:	13.77%
TA:	7.03 g/l
RS:	2.1 g/l
pH:	3.44

### Winemaker's comments:

This wine displays green peas, passion fruit, green figs and traces of guava on the nose. The palate shows mineral complexity with a well-rounded balance and a Zippy but persistent aftertaste. Seafood dishes, creamy chicken dish or a garden salad in early summer - the perfect accompaniment!

