



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:	Shiraz
Vintage:	2007
Origin:	Groenekloof, Darling
Cultivar(s):	100% Shiraz
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:	4-6 t/ha
Balling at Harvest:	24°B
Vinification:	Crush and destalk, 14 days fermentation at 25°C
Maturation:	A combination of new (70%) and second (30%) fill 300 litre French Oak barrels. Aged for 24 months
Alc:	14.78%
TA:	6.14 g/l
RS:	2.5 g/l
pH:	3.51

Winemaker's comments:

Showing its Darling heritage with black forest fruits, a hint of plum and dark chocolate on the nose. The soft tannins and smokiness will mature into typical truffle, meaty and savoury Darling Syrah!

Nothing overripe, but full bodied and integrated... Age for a maximum of 8 years and savour with friends, food and...or maybe just spoil yourself...

