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WEST COAST

- Good day one and all! -

It is the last month of the year, one which flew by at an amazing pace and brings us yet again to a time to sit down, take a deep breath and reflect upon the year that was. So in keeping with that frame of mind, here goes:



## WINES & AWARDS

- Wines and Awards:

We produced some wonderful wines this year! The Onyx Sauvignon Blanc 2009 came 11th in the Wine Magazine challenge and garnered some nice press from The Wine Guru and pal. Some silvers and bronzes dominated the award scenery, but a special 91 points in Wine Spectator for the Onyx Noble Late Harvest 2008 was a wonderful feather in our cap along with 10/10 for the Flamingo Bay Chenin Blanc/Sauvignon Blanc 2009 and Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot 2008 in the Wine Magazine Best Value Awards. And finally, but definitely not least, our Onyx Pinotage 2006 was chosen as one of the ABSA Top 10 Pinotage's of the 2009.

May 2010 bring us as great a bunch of awards as 2009, or maybe even better!



## NEW WINE OR TWO

We have also released a new wine or two. The Sir Charles Henry Darling (R120 cellar door) is our first typical Bordeaux blend utilising 4 of the 5 red Bordeaux varietals. Cofermented, this truly is a great wine to honour the person who kindly shared his name with our dear town. The wine was released on Friday the 13th of November, no bad omens detected yet!

In another new release, we decided to ask Abé, our cellar master, to choose a really interesting wine from the cellar and present it to us. As a result we have named it, quite aptly, "Cellarmaster's Signature Selection No.1" (R58 cellar door). This year it is a Petit Verdot and next year...who knows?! The only thing we know is that it'll be called "Cellarmaster's Signature Selection No.2!"

Both these wines are exclusively available from the cellar door in limited quantities, so first come first served!

- Crush Day 2009 / 2010:

A gentle reminder that all the participants of this year's Crush Day can come and collect their wine at the cellar door. It was a rather good blend we got from all those crushed grapes, maybe one of you are even brave enough to try it! For next year, we have decided to host the day on the 27th of February, so ink it in the diary and come have a ball!



## COMPETITION WINNERS

- Competition winners:

We have run two competitions in the last three months and would like to congratulate Cecilia Easthorpe on winning an all expenses paid weekend in Darling for her and her husband. The second winner was from our newly introduced "Win a case of wine a month" competition on our website. Congratulations to Marietta Rothman, your case of wine will be delivered very soon, in time for great summer drinking!

To enter our monthly website competition, please visit [www.darlingcellars.co.za](http://www.darlingcellars.co.za) and click on the competition tab. It's that easy!

And a last general note, we always have people ask us where they can purchase our wines. I am very happy to inform you that you can now go to any liquor outlet or supermarket chain and purchase our wines from them. Whether you prefer Checkers, Pick 'n Pay, Spar, Makro, Ultra or Trade Centre, you can walk in, browse for our products and if it isn't there, ask them to order it in for you. So now you can enjoy our wines conveniently from your local outlet.

We want to wish all our loyal customers a great Festive Season. Please behave, don't drink and drive and have a great rest for a very busy 2010. We'll chat again in the New Year, once we have started harvesting.

Best Regards,  
The DC team

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