

Darling Cellars "Six Tonner" Merlot 2003

main variety Merlot

vintage 2003

analysis alc: 14.2 | ph: 3.37 | rs: 2.00 | ta: 5.31 | va: 0.34 | ts02: 139 | fs02: 64

type Red

producer Darling Cellars

style Dry

winemaker Abe Beukes

taste Fruity

wine of Coastal

body Medium

tasting notes

Wine of the Month Club 2004 - Best Value Club Winner A soft, fruity wine with delicate ripe plum flavours both on the nose and palate. Lightly oaked, this wine has a wonderfully appealing balance between fruit and wood.

blend information

100% Merlot

in the vineyard

Vineyards: Bush vines/dryland Terroir: Deep soils from decomposed granite. Climate: Warm sunny days and the moderating influence of the Atlantic Ocean. Nestled in a region blessed by superlative vineyards, exquisite Flamingoes and rare orchids, Darling Cellars is located close to the tiny hamlet of Darling on the cool West Coast of South Africa. As a privately owned winery with almost 1,700ha under vine, situated mainly in the newly discovered premium vineyard of "Groenekloof", our wines are set to rival the best in the Cape.

about the harvest

Crush and destalk, 12 days fermentation at 22-28°C.

in the cellar

After malolactic fermentation, wine is racked into barrels for 10 months. A blend of 3rd and 4th fill barrels are used.

