

Neethlingshof Gewurztraminer 2003

International Wine & Spirit Competition (IWSC) 2004 - Bronze

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Winemaker De Wet Viljoen describes the wine as being a bright straw colour with green hues. The nose shows aromas of litchi and rose petals, with an Oriental touch of jasmine and honeysuckle. On the palate the wine is spicy with litchi in the background. An off-dry wine with a zesty finish.

This wine is an ideal companion to lightly curried fish, chicken or lamb and can also be enjoyed with fruity desserts.

variety : Gewurztraminer | 90% Gewurztraminer, 10% Weisser Riesling

winery : Neethlingshof Wine Estate

winemaker : De Wet Viljoen

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 10.8 g/l pH : 3.3 ta : 6.4 g/l

type : White

pack : Bottle

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ageing : The wine can be enjoyed now but will reach its full potential within a further 3 years.

in the vineyard : The 12-year old vines, a combination of Gewurztraminer (90%) and Weisser Riesling (10%) grapes, were grown in deep red Tukulu soil found on the southern slopes facing False Bay. The sea breezes that rise from the bay have a significant influence on the vineyard as they cool the vines during the ripening period in the Western Cape's summer months. The variety has been grafted onto the Richter 99 rootstocks and are trellised, using a five-wire vertical fence system. The vines received supplementary irrigation by means of an overhead sprinkler system.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested by hand at 25° Balling in mid-February.

in the cellar : Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks, using Vin 13 yeast. After blending the components at the beginning of March, the wine was bottled at the end of March 2003, and was matured for a further 6 months before release.



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