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Neethlingshof Shiraz 2003

Colour: Intense, rich ruby with purple tinge.
Bouquet: The nose has an excellent integration of peppery, spicy, herbaceous and fruity aromas.
Taste: On the palate the wine is firm and full, yet soft and succulent with an excellent structure and fruit flavours to support the wood.

An ideal companion to game, veal and grilled linefish.



variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Neethlingshof Wine Estate
winemaker : De Wet Viljoen
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : alc : 15.37 % vol rs : 4.1 g/l pH : 3.82 ta : 5.6 g/l
type : Red body : Full taste : Herbaceous wooded
pack : Bottle closure : Cork

ageing : This wine will reach its full potential in 10 years.

in the vineyard : Planted in 1987, the vines which produced this wine are grown on the slopes of the Bottelary Hills where they are cooled by breezes off False Bay during the hottest part of the day.

about the harvest: The grapes were harvested by hand at between 25Â° and 26Â° Balling.

in the cellar : Using a pure yeast culture, the mash was fermented, after destalking and crushing, in rotation tanks at 27Â°C. Fermentation took seven days s to complete whereafter the skins were pressed. After malolactic fermentation the wine was left on the lees for a month before being matured in a combination of French (85%) and American (15%) oak for 14 months.

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