

## Neethlingshof Shiraz 2004

**Colour:** Dark ruby red.

**Bouquet:** Smokey and spicy with red berries and subtle leather.

**Taste:** Mouth filling and succulent, this wine offers loads of strawberries, plum, subtle herbs and spice. Elegant, but tight tannins makes for a wine accessible now with room to improve over the next decade.

The full-bodied character makes it a great partner to red meat, i.e. game, veal and even grilled linefish. This is an excellent red to drink on its own or try a few slices of biltong (air-dried South African meat) on the side.

**variety :** Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

**winery :** Neethlingshof Wine Estate

**winemaker :** De Wet Viljoen

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 14.64 % vol rs : 3.6 g/l pH : 3.63 ta : 5.17 g/l

**type :** Red **body :** Full **taste :** Herbaceous **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle **closure :** Cork

**ageing :** This young wine will develop even more complexity within the next 5 - 7 years.

### in the vineyard :

With its long, loose, medium-sized bunches of small, oval berries, ripening at about mid-season, the quality of Shiraz depends to a large degree upon where it is grown. Grown on the slopes of the Bottelary Hills where the cool air from False Bay fans the vineyards during the warmest part of the day, the grapes which are brought to the cellar yield an outstanding, rich, deep-coloured wine with a fruity character and a typical smoky, scented bouquet that sets it apart.

Viticulturist: Eben Archer

**about the harvest:** Healthy bunches of Shiraz were hand-picked at the optimum ripeness of 25° - 26° Balling.

**in the cellar :** The grapes were crushed and fermented on their skins for seven days using a chosen, pure yeast culture, in rotation tanks at an average temperature of 28°Celsius. After the completion of malolactic fermentation, the wine was matured in a combination of 85% French and 15% American oak barrels for 14 months.



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