

Neethlingshof The Maria 2009

Colour: Golden yellow

Bouquet: Fruit cake, dried apricot, honey and peach aromas.

Taste: Concentrated fruit cake with honey and marmalade and a good sugar acid balance with a fresh, fruity palate.

Excellent served on its own or with strong cheeses, fig preserve and nuts.

variety : Weisser Riesling | 100% Weisser Riesling

winery : Neethlingshof Wine Estate

winemaker : De Wet Viljoen

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 9.84 % vol rs : 142 g/l pH : 3.57 ta : 9.93 g/l

type : Dessert

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Ready to enjoy now or can be matured for another decade.

in the vineyard : The vineyards

A single-vineyard wine, The Maria's grapes come from Neethlingshof's Weisser on the Hill vineyard, exposed to the cooling mists of False Bay, which help to create the appropriate set of conditions under which botrytis cinerea (noble rot) can flourish to produce grapes of concentrated intensity.

The grapes were picked from south-facing dryland vines planted in 1992 in deep, red soils and situated 170 metres above sea level.

about the harvest: The grapes were hand-picked at 44° Balling in April.

in the cellar : The juice was fermented at 13° to 14°C over 18 days with just 24 hours' skin contact. No malolactic fermentation was allowed.



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