

Lord Neethling Weisser Riesling Noble Late Harvest 2007

Colour: Bright yellow golden specs.

Bouquet: A typical botrytis nose with loads of dried apricot, honey and peach.

Taste: Orange marmalade and honey with concentrated fruit cake flavours. A crisp acidity tempers the sweetness, accenting its fruit and giving it a refreshing and vibrant edge.

Enjoy 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 : Coastal

analysis : alc : 7.6 % vol rs : 142.0 g/l pH : 3.42 ta : 8.38 g/l

type : Dessert **style :** Sweet

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

Gold - Michelangelo International wine awards 2008

ageing : Maturation potential: Ready to drink now, but will age well over the next 10 years.

in the vineyard : **Background**

The Neethlingshof estate in Stellenbosch is named after its illustrious 19th century owner, Marthinus Laurentius Neethling, who served as mayor of Stellenbosch and was also a senator in the old Cape Parliament. His flamboyant bearing earned him the nickname "Lord Neethling".

Neethlingshof is well-known for its Noble Late Harvest. This 'liquid gold' has been winning awards for decades, garnering a Veritas gold medal almost every year as well as the Agri-Expo Gold Trophy at the SA Champion Young Wine Show, while the 2004 won a gold medal at the International Wine & Spirit Competition, and the 2005 won a gold medal at the Michelangelo Awards.

The grapes were picked from vines planted in 1992 in deep, red Tukulu soils in south-facing vineyards situated 170 metres above sea level. The vineyard, known as "Weisser on the hillside" received no irrigation.

Viticulturist: Eben Archer

about the harvest: The wine was made from grapes affected by botrytis cinerea, handpicked 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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