

Neethlingshof Weisser Riesling Noble Late Harvest 2003

Colour: Bright yellow and gold.

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

Taste: An acidic palate that tempers the wine's sweetness, accenting its apricot character and giving it a refreshing and vibrant edge.

Enjoy on its own or with strong cheeses, fig preserve and nuts

variety : Weisser Riesling | Weisser Riesling

winery : Neethlingshof Wine Estate

winemaker : Schalk van der Westhuizen

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 10.43 % vol rs : 158.4 g/l pH : 3.49 ta : 7.8 g/l va : 1.3 g/l so2 :
179 mg/l fso2 : 21 mg/l

type : Dessert **style :** Semi Sweet **taste :** Fruity

pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

ageing : Ready to drink a year after harvest but with the potential to age for 10 to 20 years if you can wait that long.

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 member of the old Cape Parliament. His flamboyant bearing earned him the moniker "Lord Neethling".

The estate is owned jointly by Distell and LUSAN.

The vineyards (viticulturist: Eben Archer)

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.

about the harvest: This Veritas gold winner was made from grapes affected by botrytis cinerea, hand-picked at 34° Balling in March.

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. The wine was stabilised and bottled in June.

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