

## Neil Ellis Stellenbosch Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2009

Vibrant colour with youthful purple hues. Bright aromatic sweet fruit with spicy varietal notes. Fine, elegant, nicely framed, attractive palate with cedary undertones.

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot

**winery :** Neil Ellis Wines

**winemaker :** Neil Ellis with Warren Ellis and Reginald Holder

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 14.56 % vol    rs : 1.8 g/l    pH : 3.62    ta : 5.9 g/l

**type :** Red    **style :** Dry    **body :** Full    **wooded**

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

**in the vineyard :** Trellised vineyards with supplementary irrigation grown on mainly decomposed granite soils.

**about the harvest:** Harvest commenced on 25 February and completed on 20 March. Grapes were harvested between 24.2°B and 25.6°B with a total acid of 5.9 g/l and a pH of 3.62.

**in the cellar :** Fermentation initiated in stainless steel tanks and underwent a series of pump overs until dry. Further maceration allowed before drawing off and light pressing. This wine spent 15 months in French oak barrels of which 20% was new. The balance in 2nd and 3rd fill barrels. Bottled in November 2010.



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