

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.

