

## Neil Ellis Vineyard Selection Pinotage 2009

Deep red colour, dark plum and cherry fruit with subtle hints of tobacco. The wine has balanced ripe tannins giving it a soft elegant taste.

**variety** : Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery** : Neil Ellis Wines

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

**wine of origin** : Jonkershoek Valley

**analysis** : **alc** : 14.5 % vol **rs** : 3.0 g/l **pH** : 3.53 **ta** : 6.0 g/l

**type** : Red **style** : Dry

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

**in the vineyard** : Well established trellised vineyards with access to supplementary irrigation. These vineyards are south and south-west facing slopes and grown on decomposed granite.

Sufficient cold and wet conditions during winter resulted in even budding and a much cooler February resulted in a slow ripening period.

**in the cellar** : Fermentation initiated in stainless steel tanks. The crushed grapes underwent a series of pump overs and punching after which the wine was racked off to tank and barrel to complete alcoholic fermentation. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrels. This wine spent 14 months in 60% new French oak barrels. Bottled in December 2009.

