

Neil Ellis Elgin Aenigma 2009

Attractive bright colour with good depth and intensity. Spicy aromas with a hint of earthy complexity. Well integrated oak with an elegant palate. The palate is nicely textured with a complexity that holds interest.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Cabernet Franc, 16% Merlot, 13% Shiraz

winery : Neil Ellis Wines

winemaker : Warren Ellis assisted by Neil Ellis

wine of origin : Elgin

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.0 g/l pH : 3.54 ta : 5.7 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

in the vineyard : Elgin is one of the Cape's coolest wine growing areas with favourable climatic, soil and topographic conditions.

The Vineyards

These vineyards are positioned on east-facing slopes of which the soil is mainly Bokkeveld Shale. The vines are trellised and have access to supplementary irrigation.

Grape varieties

This is a red blend of 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Cabernet Franc, 16% Merlot and 13% Shiraz.

about the harvest: Harvest commenced as on 15 March and completed on 7 April.

Grapes were harvested between 24.0°B and 25.5°B with a total acid of 7 – 8 g/l and a pH of 3.3 - 3.5.

in the cellar : Fermentation was 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 17 months in French oak barrels of which 20% was new. The balance in 2nd and 3rd fill barrels.

Bottled in November 2010.

