

## Neethlingshof Lord Neethling Cabernet Sauvignon 1997

Smooth and aromatic, with a wood-driven personality that lends a pleasing sense of ripeness and intensity. Well-structured and well-balanced with unmistakable elegance. Deep purple-ruby. Dense. Captivatingly fruity with a prominent blackcurrant-bramble character.

The 1997 Lord Neethling Cabernet Sauvignon is drinking well already with lots of fruit and beautiful balance. It is well-partnered with red meat and mature cheeses. Serve at 18°C.

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | Cabernet Sauvignon

**winery :** Neethlingshof Wine Estate

**winemaker :**

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 13.42 % vol rs : 2.0 g/l pH : 3.69 ta : 6.2 g/l va : 0.56 g/l so2 : 101 mg/l fso2 : 35 mg/l

**wooded**

**pack :** Bottle

**ageing :** A wine of superb breeding for those who appreciate a true classic, which will grow even more in stature and finesse when cellared.

**in the vineyard :** Classic Cabernet Sauvignon; the first to be bottled under the super-premium LORD NEETHLING label from original vines imported from France and planted on resistant rootstocks suited to local conditions. The vines are virus-free, ensuring optimum ripening of the grapes. Grown in vineyard blocks facing south, west and east, in decomposed granite and clay soils at 85-200m above sea level, the oldest Cabernet Sauvignon vines on the property are around 22 years of age.

**about the harvest:** 1997 was an excellent year for cabernet sauvignon! The grapes were hand-picked at 24 - 27 ° Balling

**in the cellar :** Fermented in temperature-controlled Roto tanks for a period of 5 days at 30°C. After completion of malolactic fermentation, the wine was racked from stainless-steel tanks to 225 litre French barrels. Maturation in these barrels lasted for a period of 24 months after which the wine was fined and bottled.



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