

## Neil Ellis Groenekloof Shiraz 2012

**Tim Atkin MW** Lovely, aromatic, red-fruits nose. Subtle, refreshing and complex graphite-like mineral palate. Well balanced, with low-key winemaking. Meaty and complex.

**Guy Harcourt-Wood** Rich, spicy, dark fruit palate. Complex, chalky tannins with balancing acidity. Warm, lingering finish.

**Greg Sherwood MW** Dusty, chalky, graphite and woodsmoke notes. Minty, leafy sweet black plum and cherry spice. Textural and round, carries the alcohol well. Fragrant, sweet and complex. Palate complexity grows and grows.

**variety :** Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

**winery :** Neil Ellis Wines

**winemaker :** Warren Ellis

**wine of origin :** Groenekloof

**analysis : alc :** 14.5 % vol

**type :** Red      **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle    **size :** 750ml    **closure :** Cork

**Decanter average score:** 18.5/20pts (95/100pts)

Individual judges' scores: Tim Atkin MW 18.5 / Guy Harcourt-Wood 18.5 / Greg Sherwood MW 18.5

**ageing :** Drink 2014 - 2022

**in the vineyard :** Neil Ellis and his son Warren make a varied and excellent range of wines using fruit from four different vineyard regions: Elgin, the Jonkershoek Valley, Piekenierskloof and, the source of this wine, Groenekloof, near Darling on South Africa's Atlantic coast. This is one of two Neil Ellis 'Shirazes' from Groenekloof (there's a Syrah in the winery's pricier premium vineyard-selection series) and there's also a third from cooler-climate Elgin. It is sourced from unirrigated, low-yielding bush vines on decomposed granite and clay soils and aged in larger, 500-litre French oak puncheons.

