

Neil Ellis Vineyard Selection Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

Medium red, purple in colour with high-toned blackcurrant, violet and cedar aromas and touches of mint, so typical of a Jonkershoek wine. The rich, ripe opulent but youthful palate has plummy fruit, a background of new oak and fine tannins. This is a multi-faceted wine that needs time to mature.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Neil Ellis Wines

winemaker : Warren Ellis

wine of origin : Jonkershoek Valley

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.2 g/l pH : 3.7 ta : 5.6 g/l

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

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

ageing : This is a multi-faceted wine that needs time to mature.

in the vineyard : These limited release wines demonstrate the distinctiveness of specific vineyard sites and represent our finest quality. The Jonkershoek Valley and more specifically the south facing slopes are of the coolest sites in Stellenbosch.

Well established trellised vineyards planted on a northwest facing slope on well-drained decomposed granite soils. These vineyards have access to supplementary irrigation.

about the harvest: Cold and wet winter conditions and a relatively warm and dry summer resulted in good and even budding. Harvest commenced on 10 March. Grapes were harvested 24.8°B with a total acid of 7.8 g/l and a pH of 3.41.

in the cellar : Fermentation is initiated in stainless steel tanks. The crushed grapes underwent a series of pump overs until dry. Further maceration is allowed before drawing off and light pressing. Malolactic fermentation completed in new French oak barrels. This wine spent 20 months in 100% new French oak barrels.

Bottled in January 2013.

