

Neil Ellis Vineyard Selection Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

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.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Neil Ellis Wines

winemaker : Warren Ellis

wine of origin : Jonkershoek Valley

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 1.6 g/l pH : 3.6 ta : 6.0 g/l

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

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

2016 Wine Spectator - 92 points

ageing :

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

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.

in the vineyard :

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

Vintage conditions

Cold and wet winter conditions and a relatively warm and dry summer resulted in good and even budding.

about the harvest:

Harvest commenced on 15 March. Grapes were harvested 25.8°B with a total acid of 7.3 g/l and a pH of 3.4

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 December 2013.

