

Neil Ellis Vineyard Selection Cinsaut Noir 2012

Deep crimson in colour. This wine portrays a complex mix of fruit most notably red-fruits and although defiant of its youth also expresses spicy notes. Further interest beckons via notes of black tea and subtle oak. The palate is bright and youthful with black cherry and engaging fruit-tart flavours. Fine grained tannins add to the serious structure.

variety : Cinsaut | 100% Cinsaut Noir

winery : Neil Ellis Wines

winemaker : Warren Ellis

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 15.0 % vol rs : 2.72 g/l pH : 3.5 ta : 5.47 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**

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

in the vineyard :

These limited release wines demonstrate the distinctiveness of specific vineyard sites and represent our finest quality. Groenekloof is situated near Darling on the West Coast and consists of a series of hills running parallel to the ocean which rise to 385 metres above sea level.

The grapes were sourced from a south-west facing bush vine vineyard grown in decomposed granite and table mountain sandstone.

Vintage conditions

The harvest season was characterised by healthy, ideal growing conditions and a cool, though lengthened, harvesting period without rain or prolonged heat. Days were moderate in temperature with cool evenings which resulted in excellent ripening conditions.

about the harvest:

Harvest commenced on 8 March. Grapes were harvested at 24.5°B with a total acid of 7.15 g/l and a pH of 3.35.

in the cellar :

Fermentation initiated in stainless tanks and underwent a series of punch downs before completion of fermentation and malolactic fermentation in the barrel. This wine spent 18 months on 20% 1st fill and the balance was on 4th fill and older.

Bottled in September 2013.

