

Neil Ellis Jonkershoek Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

This is the signature Cabernet Sauvignon of Neil Ellis. It is a distinctive style with all the hallmarks of the Jonkershoek Valley and known for its distinctive balance of elegance and fruit power. Medium intense ruby red colour. Restraint aroma but deep, complex perfumes of blue and black small berry fruit. Cedary aromas and touches of mint, so typical of a Jonkershoek wine. The palate is smooth and plush followed by fine, but dense tannins. A ripe, soft tannin vintage with savoury expression.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Neil Ellis Wines

winemaker : Warren Ellis

wine of origin : Jonkershoek Valley

analysis: alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 1.7 g/l pH : 3.7 ta : 5.4 g/l

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

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

2016 Tim Atkin's South Africa Special Report - 92 points

Veritas - Double Gold

2017 Platter's Wine Guide - 4½ stars

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. Harvest commenced on 15 March 2013 . 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 new French oak barrels. This wine spent 18 months in 100% new French oak barrels.

Bottled in December 2014.

