

Webb Ellis 2011

Deep and generous red colour with a dark core. The aromatics reveal red and black fruits with fresh liquorice and black olive notes. The palate is seamless, sophisticated and stylish. Structure and texture weave into a tightly focussed, multi-dimensional continuum. Fine and persistent shaley tannins conspire with bright acidity.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Syrah

winery : Neil Ellis Wines

winemaker : Warren Ellis

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.2 g/l pH : 3.67 ta : 5.4 g/l

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

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

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ageing :

This classically structured, beautifully balanced wine has all the finesse and integrity to develop and evolve with careful cellaring. 2015 - 2025.

Philosophy statement

This wine is symbolic of the sharing of knowledge and wisdom from generation to generation.

in the vineyard :

65% Cabernet Sauvignon – Jonkershoek Valley

35% Syrah – Groenekloof

Soils

Both sites comprise of decomposed granite and pockets of Malmesbury shale.

about the harvest:

Grapes were harvested between 15 March and 20 March. Yields of between 5 to 6.5 tons per ha on 33 hl/ha and 42 hl/ha were achieved. Grapes were picked at 25°B to 25.5 °B with total acidity between 6.8g/l and 7.4 g/l. The pH averaged 3.5 at harvest.

in the cellar :

Fermentation initiated in stainless steel fermenters and underwent a series of pump overs until dry. Further maceration followed before drawing off, light pressing and racking to barrel.

This wine spent 20 months in French oak barrels: 80% 1st fill, the balance in 2nd and 3rd fill barrels.

Bottling date: January 2013

