

Neil Ellis Groenekloof Shiraz 2015

Medium bodied, cool climate Shiraz, in which balance is more important than power. The wine is fresh and vibrant showing red fruit and perfume aromas and some dried herb notes. The palate shows bright fruit with hints of white pepper, spice with a good structure and grippy tannins to finish. Restraint use of oak.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Neil Ellis Wines

winemaker : Warren Ellis

wine of origin : Groenekloof

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.1 g/l pH : 3.59 ta : 5.5 g/l

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

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

ageing :

Drink 2016 - 2024

Neil Ellis and his son Warren make a varied and excellent range of wines using fruit from four different vineyard regions: Elgin, the Jonkershoek Valley, Piekenierskloof and, the source of this wine, Groenekloof, near Darling on South Africa's Atlantic coast. This is one of two Neil Ellis 'Shirazes' from Groenekloof (there's a Syrah in the winery's pricier premium vineyard-selection series) and there's also a third from cooler-climate Elgin. It is sourced from unirrigated, low-yielding bush vines on decomposed granite and clay soils and aged in larger, 500-litre French oak puncheons.

in the vineyard :

Sourced from low yielding bush vines on our property in the Groenekloof ward. The soils consist of decomposed granite and clay, allowing for good physical properties. These vineyards receive no supplementary irrigation.

about the harvest:

Handpicked.

in the cellar :

Crushed and fermented on skins in open top fermenters allowing punch downs and gentle pump-overs to extract colour, flavour and tannin. Malolactic fermentation in French oak puncheons.

Maturation

Aged for 15 months in new, two year and older French puncheons of 500 litre capacity. Special care is taken to maintain fruit integrity.

