

## Neil Ellis Piekenierskloof Grenache 2015

The 2015 vintage contributed to a deeper colour than usual. The wine has dark cherries with perfumed floral aromas which flows on to the palate. The palate has a lovely freshness, great length, richness and fine grippy tannins.

**variety** : Grenache | 100% Grenache

**winery** : Neil Ellis Wines

**winemaker** : Warren Ellis

**wine of origin** : Piekenierskloof

**analysis** : alc : 14.0 % vol   rs : 1.82 g/l   pH : 3.57   ta : 5.54 g/l

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

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

These limited release wines demonstrate the distinctiveness of specific vineyard sites and represent our finest quality. The mountain vineyards of Piekenierskloof are known to produce outstanding Grenache.

**in the vineyard** : This wine was sourced from un-irrigated bush vines that were planted in 1954 in the Piekenierskloof. These vines have its own roots, meaning they were not grafted on to rootstock. The soils are Table Mountain sandstone.

**about the harvest**: Harvest commenced on 27th of March. Grapes were harvested at 24.7°B with a total acid of 7.1 g/l and a pH of 3.51.

**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 19 months on 20% new, 20% 2nd , 60% older 500l barrels.

Bottled in August 2016

