

Neil Ellis Groenekloof Syrah 2017

This is a full bodied Shiraz, with a vibrant colour, which shows balance, elegance and great structure. The nose has bright dark fruit with contributing spicy perfumed aromas from the Cinsaut. The palate is fresh with grippy tannins.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Neil Ellis Wines
winemaker : Warren Ellis
wine of origin : Groenekloof
analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.2 g/l pH : 3.57 ta : 5.7 g/l
type : Red style : Dry body : Medium taste : Fruity wooded
pack : Bottle size : 750ml closure : Screwcap

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. 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 : 2016 winter was even dryer than 2015 followed by a relatively warm and dry summer. This resulted in very small berries with great concentration. During ripening the days were warm followed by cool evenings. Grapes were harvested at 25- 25.6°B with a total acid of 6.8 g/l and a pH of 3.4
Aged for 16 months in 5% new, and older French puncheons of 500 l capacity. Special care is taken to maintain fruit integrity. 12% Cinsault was blended with the Shiraz.



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