

Neil Ellis Stellenbosch Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2018

Vibrant, deep dark in colour. The nose shows complex aromas of dark fruit with liquorice, spicy cedar notes. The palate is dense and complex with well framed and integrated tannins.

Lamb shanks, venison and steak.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 12% Malbec, 8% Cabernet Franc

winery : Neil Ellis Wines

winemaker : Warren Ellis

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14 % vol rs : 1.4 g/l pH : 3.5 ta : 6.0 g/l

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

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

The Stellenbosch Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot blend is Bordeaux-style red blend sourced from multiple sites around Stellenbosch. Known for producing outstanding quality in both varieties, the Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot honours the timeless tradition of blending different varieties from different sites in order to produce a unique, premium quality wine.

in the vineyard : Trellised vineyards planted on south-west facing slopes in decomposed granite soils from the Bottelary Hills and Jonkershoek valley.

about the harvest: Grapes were harvested between 24.0°B and 25.5°B with a total acid of 6.7 – 7.1 g/l and a pH of 3.5

in the cellar : Fermentation initiated in stainless steel tanks and underwent a series of pump overs until dry. Further maceration allowed before drawing off and light pressing. The wine spent 17 months in French oak barrels of which 25% was new. The balance in 2nd, 3rd and 4th fill barrels.

