

## Neil Ellis Bottelary Pinotage 2017

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Deep dark colour reflective of the vintage. This multi-faceted wine shows dark plum, cherry and blackberry fruit touched by elegant floral notes. The pallet is fresh with chalky fine grained tannins.

Bobotie, Pepper Steak, Venison, Oxtail, Osso Buco, Boerewors, Lamb

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**variety :** Pinotage | 100% Pinotage

**winery :** Neil Ellis Wines

**winemaker :** Warren Ellis

**wine of origin :** Bottelary

**analysis :** alc : 13.5 % vol   rs : 2.3 g/l   pH : 3.53   ta : 5.2 g/l

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

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

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These limited release wines demonstrate the distinctiveness of specific vineyard sites and represent our finest quality.

### **in the vineyard :**

Well established 20 year old bush vine vineyards with access to supplementary irrigation. These vineyards are south-west facing slopes and grown on decomposed granite.

### **about the harvest:**

Harvest commenced on the 8th February. Grapes were harvested at 25.5°B with a total acid of 6.8 g/l and a pH of 3.3.

### **in the cellar :**

Fermentation initiated in stainless steel tanks. The crushed grapes underwent a series of pump overs and punching after which the wine was racked off to barrel to complete alcoholic fermentation. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrels. This wine spent 16 months in 500L puncheons 40% new French oak, the balance in 2<sup>nd</sup> fill and older.

Bottled in September 2018.

