

Neil Ellis Groenekloof Syrah 2020

A medium-bodied Syrah with a vibrant colour. The nose has bright dark fruit with contributing perfumed aromas of violet and rose petals. Pronounced dark berry aromas with peppery notes lingering in the background while the palate is well balanced and fresh framed by fine, elegant tannins.

Enjoy with pork belly and braised chicken.

variety : Shiraz | 87% Shiraz, 13% Cinsaut

winery : Neil Ellis Wines

winemaker : Warren Ellis

wine of origin : Groenekloof

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.6 g/l pH : 3.5 ta : 6.24 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Medium **taste :** Fragrant **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 with no supplementary irrigation. The soils consist of decomposed granite and clay allowing for good physical properties like water retention.

in the cellar : Hand-picked, 30% was whole bunch fermented, 30% fermented with stems and the remaining 40% was whole berry 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. Aged for 14 months in 5% new and the balance in older French puncheons of 500l capacity.

