

Comments of a Bon Vivant:

Summer vibes, lighthearted and ready to explore new origins. A backyard barbecue, braised pork belly, roasted chicken, and Indian curries are ideal occasions to enjoy this wine.

Neil Ellis Groenekloof Syrah



Neil Ellis is considered to be one of the most influential pioneers of the modern-day South African wine industry. His vision, the pursuit of quality, extended out of the cellar and into the vineyards where varieties would excel and best express a particular style of wine reflective of their environment. Today, the experience and knowledge of the past are applied to modern techniques and technologies for a new generation of winemaking. The team at Neil Ellis Wines, which includes Neil's daughter and two sons in leading roles, believes in responsible environmental practices. They are committed to respecting the soil, cutting water use, recycling and reducing energy use and greenhouse emissions. They are a member of the IPW, a voluntary environmental sustainability program, and comply to their regulations. In addition, they are a proud member of South Africa's WIETA and the Cape Winemaker's guild with its Protégé program, demonstrating the family's commitment to ethical work practices and the promotion of the industry's diversity program.



Vibe: *Summer*
Emotions/Occasions:
Lighthearted
Explore

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SKU: 843990

Region	Coastal Region
Classification	Groenekloof
Vintage	2022
Grapes	100% Syrah
Soil Composition	Decomposed granite and clay
Vineyard Training	Bush vines
Density/Yield	50 hl/ ha
Fermentation	The grapes were handpicked, crushed and fermented on skins in open fermenters for maximum colour extraction. Malolactic fermentation in 500 l French oak (5% new). Aged for 16 months in neutral oak barrels.
Alcohol	13 %
Residual Sugar	2.6 g/l
PH	3.45 g/l
TA	5.8 g/l
Free SO ²	25 mg/l
Total SO ²	60 mg/l

VITICULTURE

The Syrah is sourced from dryland bush vines in Groenekloof, Darling—one of South Africa's most extreme coastal winegrowing areas, situated just 7 km from the cold Atlantic Ocean. Many of these vines are over 25 years old, their unirrigated nature encouraging deep root systems and naturally low yields, resulting in concentrated, expressive fruit.

The soils are shallow, low-fertility, and composed of weathered granite and shale—perfect for stressing the vines and intensifying flavor development. The strong maritime influence from the Benguela Current brings persistent cooling winds, frequent fog, and moderate daytime temperatures, enabling slow, even ripening and excellent acid retention.

Groenekloof was the first Wine of Origin ward declared in the Darling region (2003) and is recognized for producing Syrah with lifted aromatics, refined structure, and distinctive peppery spice—offering a cooler-climate alternative to the bolder styles from South Africa's inland regions.

SALES FACTS:

- *Member of South Africa's IPW program*
- *Member of Wine & Agricultural Industry Ethical Trade Association (WIETA)*
- *Combining European traditions with the diversity of South African terroirs*