



“ A celebration of this noble grape, showcasing the typicity of Stellenbosch vineyards with complex and ripe berry flavours and firm tannins. ”

## NEIL ELLIS — JONKERSHOEK CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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. “Our vision remains to make distinctive, refined wines that are expressive of their terrain and rank amongst South Africa’s finest. A pursuit of quality, nothing less.”

Still very much involved in the active operation of the winery, Stephanie and Neill Ellis are joined by their children Warren (Chief Enologist), Charl (Commercial Director), and Margot (Brand Management). The team at Neil Ellis Wines 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.

### The Vineyard

The mouth of the Jonkershoek Valley is known for its distinctive conditions best suited for grape growing. The south facing slopes are significantly cooler than the surrounding area of Stellenbosch and a howling South Eastern wind during the summer months cools down the vineyards considerably, minimising vine disease and holding down yields. The soils are mostly deep, red clay soils. Vineyard altitudes range on average of 300m above sea level.

### Sustainable Practices (under the IPW guidelines)

Respect The Soil: Plant cover crops between rows to eliminate erosion, manual harvest to minimize soil compaction, following organic principles to avoid the use of chemicals, and drip irrigation for the most efficient use of water resources.







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<b>SKU:</b>	830593
<b>Region:</b>	Western Cape/Jonkershoek
<b>Classification:</b>	Wine of South Africa
<b>Vintage:</b>	2017
<b>Grapes:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Selected south-west facing vineyards in Jonkershoek
<b>Soil Composition:</b>	Decomposed granite and Table Mountain sandstone
<b>Vineyard Training:</b>	Trellised
<b>Density/Yeild:</b>	40 hl/ ha
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel, followed by malolactic fermentation in new French oak barrels
<b>Aging:</b>	18 months on fine lees in new French oak barrels
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.5%
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	2.0 g/l
<b>PH:</b>	3.55 g/l
<b>TA:</b>	5.8 g/l
<b>Free SO2:</b>	32mg/l
<b>Total SO2:</b>	75mg/l

### Tasting Note:

Complex aromas of black berries with undertones of cedar, typical for Jonkershoek. Fresh and lively flavours on the palate followed by firm, dense tannins. The wine will reach its potential with careful cellar aging and benefits from decanting if enjoyed at a young age.

### Pairing suggestion:

Grilled ribeye, venison, flavourful cassoulet, osso bucco, and mature cheese.