



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

## NEIL ELLIS — STELLENBOSCH 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

Established trellised vineyards planted on Southwest facing slopes on well-drained decomposed granite soils from the Bottelary hills and Jonkershoek valley. These vineyards have access to supplementary irrigation.

### 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>	830591
<b>Region:</b>	Western Cape/Stellenbosch
<b>Classification:</b>	Wine of South Africa
<b>Vintage:</b>	2019
<b>Grapes:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Selected south-west facing vineyards in Jonkershoek and Bottelary
<b>Soil Composition:</b>	Decomposed granite
<b>Vineyard Training:</b>	Trellised
<b>Density/Yeild:</b>	60 hl/ ha
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel, followed by malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels.
<b>Aging:</b>	18 months on fine lees in barrique, 25% new oak
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.0%
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	1.0 g/l
<b>PH:</b>	3.6 g/l
<b>TA:</b>	5.4 g/l
<b>Free SO2:</b>	41mg/l
<b>Total SO2:</b>	110mg/l

### Tasting Note:

Complex aromas of black berries with undertones of cedar. Fresh 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 steak, roasted meats, venison, and mature cheese.