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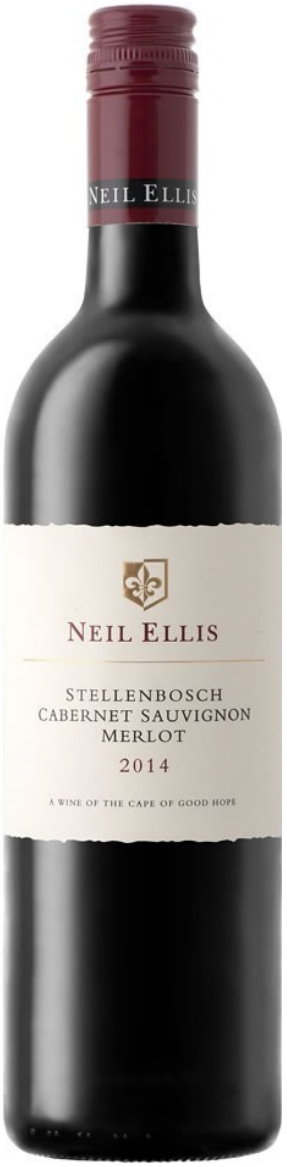
Neil Ellis Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2014

Vibrant colour with youthful purple hues. Bright aromatic sweet fruit with spicy varietal notes. Fine, elegant, nicely framed attractive palate with cedar undertones.



variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc
winery : Neil Ellis Wines
winemaker : Warren Ellis
wine of origin : Stellenbosch
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 2.7 g/l **pH :** 3.6 **ta :** 5.8 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Screwcap

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in the vineyard :

The Jonkershoek Valley and more specifically the south facing slopes are of the coolest sites in Stellenbosch. The vineyards are also influenced by southerly breezes during the summer months which has a beneficial effect. Further parcels of fruit are sourced from complementary sites within the Stellenbosch area.

The Vineyards
Trellised vineyards with supplementary irrigation grown on mainly decomposed granite soils.

about the harvest:

Grapes were harvested between 23.5° B and 25.7° B with a total acid of 7.3 - 8.1 g/l and a pH of 3.6.

in the cellar :

Fermentation initiated in stainless steel tanks and underwent a series of pump overs until dry. Further maceration allowed before drawing off and light pressing. This wine spent 16 months in French oak barrels of which 25% was new. The balance in 2nd, 3rd and 4th fill barrels.