

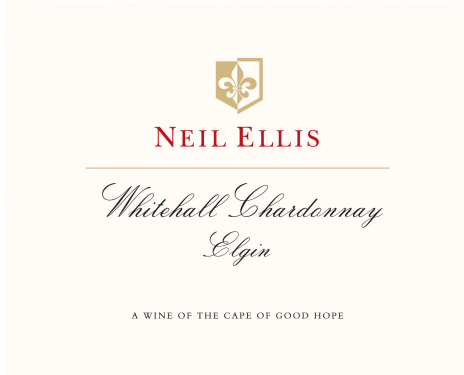
Neil Ellis Wines

CHARDONNAY WHITEHALL - 2020

REGION: SOUTH AFRICA - STELLENBOSCH



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Neil Ellis is a South African wine industry icon and one of the early pioneers to bring quality levels up to world class standards. The winery sits 5 miles east of the town of Stellenbosch in the Jonkershoek Valley. It was founded in 1993 with the philosophy to source grapes from the top growers of the region. The eco-friendly winery produces wines from the regions of Stellenbosch, Darling, Darbanville and Elgin.

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Vineyards close to the Whitehall farm, where Neil Ellis produced the first certified wine from Elgin.

- Elgin is one of the Cape's coolest viticultural areas with an average temperature of 68°F/20°C in February
- Soils: White mineral sandstone and quartz with clay subsoil
- Exposure: South-facing slopes
- Altitude: average 985 feet/300 meters
- Vine Training System: Trellis

Harvest Notes

- Harvest began February 18 and concluded March 18, 2020
- Grapes at 21.5 – 22.5°Brix, total acid 8.5 g/l
- Yield: 6.5 – 8 tons/acre
- Whole cluster pressed
- 100% barrel fermented using 30% new 228L fine grained oak barrels and balance in 2nd and 3rd fill used barrels
- 30% of wine underwent malolactic fermentation
- Aged 9 months in 228L oak barrels
- Bottled in November 2020

Winemaker's Notes

The wine has an attractive bouquet and brings together aromas of lime, white nectarine, hazelnut and flinty mineral aromas. Tightly structured palate and bouquet blend into a subtle harmony. This wine combines grace with a well defined character and remarkable concentration.

Technical Information

- 100% Chardonnay
- Alcohol: 13%
- Total Acidity: 6.8 g/l
- pH: 3.26
- Residual Sugar: 2.1 g/l

REVIEWS

Chardonnay Whitehall – 2020

91 Points - [jamesuckling.com](https://www.jamesuckling.com), November, 2022

Sliced apples and pears with lemon curd, honeysuckle and stones. Medium-to full-bodied with crisp, lively acidity and impressive tension. Bright and juicy fruit character and flavorful finish. Sustainable. Drink now.

Gold Medals Points - Wine News, May, 2022

International Wine Challenge:

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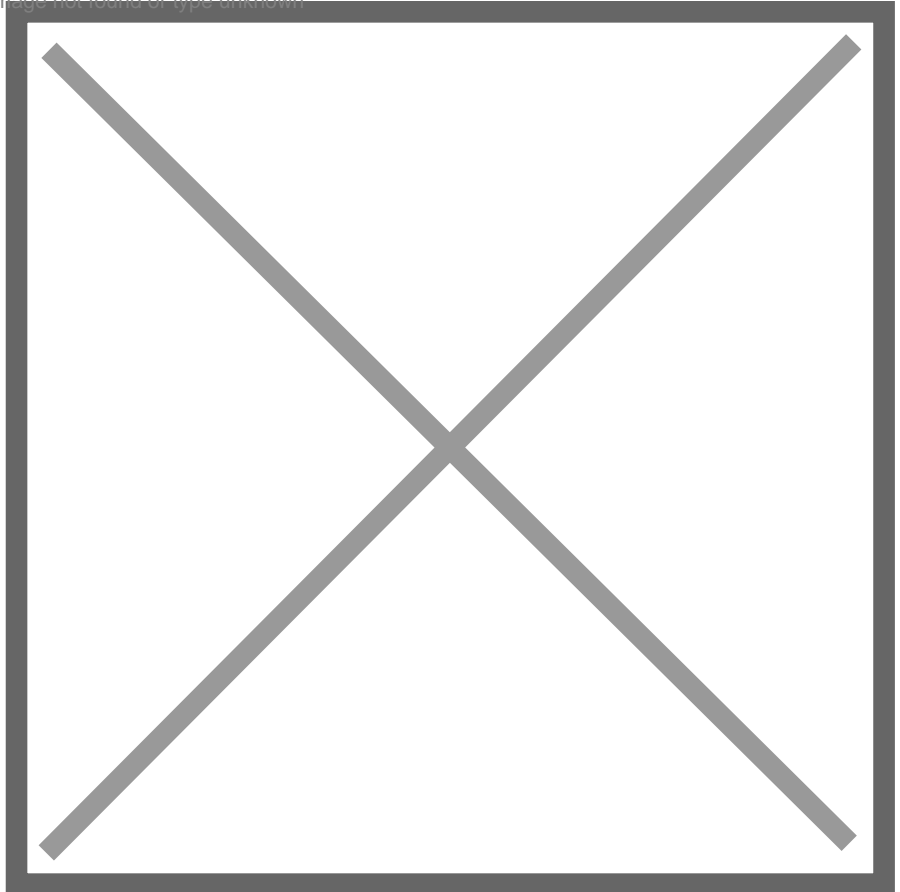
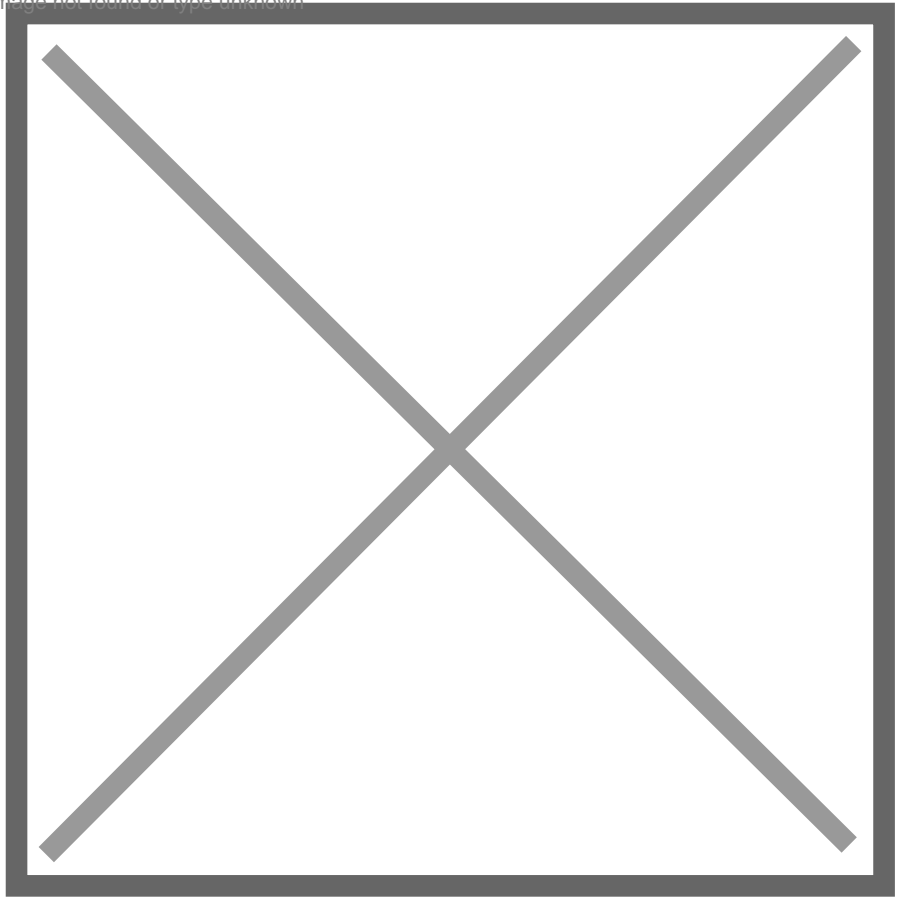


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90 Points - Wine Spectator, May, 2023

Round and juicy, with glazed yellow apple and pear fruit enlivened by tangy acidity. Features flashes of oak spices, vanilla and lime blossoms that will appeal to fans of a richer Chardonnay style. Reveals a tang of salinity that chimes on the finish, alongside a subtle chopped hazelnut note. Drink now.

GENERAL INFO

Country	South Africa
Region	Western Cape
Appellation(s)	Stellenbosch, Darling/Groenekloof, Elgin
Proprietor	Neil Ellis
Founded	1993
Winemaker	Warren Ellis
Annual Production	50,000 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable