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Vin de Constance 1988

Toffeed nose - pear toffee. Taut acidity running tight as piano wire through a complex, mineral palate. Minty, green, citrus pith, fresh flavours, plus age: coffee, toffee. Huge length. **Score:**

18.5pts/20 (95/100pts)

Alc: 14.4%, 82g/L residual sugar,

Price/stockists: Available to buy in Germany

Drink: now-2050

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Vin de Constance 1992

Doesn't taste appreciably younger - well, four years in the lifetime of this wine is probably neither here nor there. Sinuous pear toffee wrapped round a knife blade of acidity, very fresh and mineral; complex notes of mint, blue cheese and coffee. A long, very fine finish.

Score: 18.5pts/20 (95/100pts)

Alc: 14.5%, 103g/L residual sugar,

Price/stockists: Available to buy in South Africa

Drink: now-2050

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Vin de Constance 1996

Younger, creamier and plumper, with fresh fruit. Slightly burnt, raisin notes, very vivid and bright, still with that steely acidity running right through the core of the wine. Mineral, sinewy structure, very elegant and fine. Enormous, bright finish.

Score: 18pts/20 (93/100pts)

Alc: 14.3%, 112g/L residual sugar,

Price/stockists: Available from Angelus restaurant

Drink: now-2050 14%

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Vin de Constance 2005

Very fresh and bright, with crunchy fruit and youthful flesh on a tight, tense core. Very lively, vivacious and mineral; dried orange peel, spice, fresh pear and peach; sweet, but sweetness is not the only story here. Lovely complexity and a big finish.

Score: 18pts/20 (93/100pts)

Alc: 12.28%, 157g/L residual sugar,

Price/stockists: RRP £30, very limited stock in Independent Wine Merchants

Drink: now-2050 12.3%

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Vin de Constance 2007

Rounder, fruitier, with that blade of acidity clothed in flesh, with toffee and bitter marmalade notes, very aromatic and spicy. More new oak was being used by this date, but it's perfectly integrated into the wine and just shows itself as slightly more weight at the centre. Huge finish.

Score: 19pts/20 (96/100pts)

Alc: 14%, 177g/L residual sugar,

Price/stockists: RRP £40, stockists Berry Bros, Harvey Nichols, Wimbledon Wine Cellars

Drink: now-2050 14%

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Vin de Constance 2008

Plumper again, rounder, with some nicely bitter, black chocolate notes and flavours of mint, pears, marmalade, honey and sweet spices, very complex, with a tight, deep structure and that taut, tense acidity running through it, as ever. There's such a strong family resemblance in these wines. Beautiful balance; perfect poise and elegance.

Score: 18.5pts/20 (95/100pts)

Alc: 14% alcohol, 150g/L residual sugar,

Price/stockists: RRP £40, stockists Berry Bros, Harvey Nichols, Wimbledon Wine Cellars

Drink: now-2050 14%

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