Klein Constantia Vin de Constance Scores an Unprecedented 97 Points

Klein Constantia’s 2007 vintage Vin de Constance, produced from sun-raisined Muscat de Frontignan grapes, has made history by becoming the first South African wine to achieve a 97-point rating at a recent tasting hosted by The White Club in Basel, Switzerland.

Robert Parker taster, Neal Martin had the following to say:

“Even against Denis Dubourdieu’s decadent L’Extravagant 2003, for me, the superlative Vin de Constance 2007 is the better wine. It offers a scintillating bouquet that is beautifully defined with mandarin, wild honey, lavender and Seville orange marmalade vying for attention on the nose. The palate displays more race and better acidity than the Barsac with crystalline honeyed fruits and immense freshness and poise on the finish. Brilliant winemaking here – a South Africa legend that does not disappoint. Drink now-2040+”

This latest rating crowns an ever-improving track record for this wine with Wine Spectator awarding 94 points to the 2004 vintage and to the 2005 vintage, 95 points. The 2006 vintage received a unanimous 95-point rating from Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate, Wine Spectator and Stephen Tanzer, respectively.

“This fantastic new achievement is a testament to all the hard work of the past few years. The new owners of the estate are now implementing further investment plans to improve the farming, vineyards and cellar, with ambitions of taking this historic wine to even greater heights. This is the beginning of an exciting journey,” explains Managing Director, Hans Astrom.

Further information is available on Klein Constantia’s new website: www.kleinconstantia.com, and a visit to the farm is always recommended.
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