

KLEIN CONSTANTIA

— 1685 —

Vin de Constance



Vintage	2000
General	These historic vineyards were first planted in the late 1600s as part of the original Constantia estate, whose legendary sweet wines were celebrated in literature by Jane Austen, Charles Dickens and Baudelaire.
Description	Richly viscous in the glass, with a burnt orange-gold hue, this wine exhibits youthfully fresh, floral muscat aromas, and exotically spicy confectionary flavours on the unctuously textured palate. These rich flavours are well balanced by brisk acidity, and an attractive bitter orange twist on the clean, persistent finish.
Grape variety	Muscat de Frontignan
Wine record	<p>It was sought after by Napoleon, in his exile, and by the courts of Europe in the 18th and 19th century. Chosen for its soil of decomposed Table Mountain granite, and its cooling sea breezes from both the Atlantic and Indian oceans, these vineyards provide the perfect terroir for premium winegrowing.</p> <p>Grapes were left to raisin on the vines, and were hand-selected towards the middle of March of this warm vintage. Fermentation of the sticky, concentrated must took place in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks, followed by 18 months of maturation in French oak. The wine was released almost 5 years after harvest</p>
Wine analysis:	Alc: 14.1% RS:141g/l pH: 3.75 TA: 7.1g/l
Maturation	Drink now or cellar long-term. The wine is bottled in asymmetrical 500 ml bottles, which are a reproduction of the hand-blown originals. Each is presented in a box, with a brochure containing the history of Constantia wine.
Honours	John Platter 5 Star wine