

# KLEIN CONSTANTIA

— 1685 —

## Riesling



<b>Vintage</b>	2009
<b>General</b>	Grapes were harvested at 21 balling on the 9th March. Riesling is a rot sensitive variety, but there was literally not one damaged berry at the weighbridge. After destemming and crushing the juice was settled to a high clarity and inoculated for fermentation. 25% of the blend was fermented in older 500L French oak barrels, the remainder in stainless steel tanks. Maturation took place on lees for 10 months and the wine was bottled in January 2010.
<b>Description</b>	Vibrant in appearance with pungent aromas of lime, citrus blossom and jasmine. The palate has an attractive sweet entry which is balanced by fine mineral acidity providing structure. Heady flavours of Turkish delight/rose petals evolve through to the finish.
<b>Grape variety</b>	100% Riesling
<b>Wine record</b>	Largely regarded as one of the finest vintages in recent memory. Cool weather during the growing season, and a warm, dry period during harvest resulted in perfectly healthy grapes with good acidity levels and ripe flavours.
<b>Wine analysis:</b>	
<b>Alcohol</b>	12.36%
<b>Residual sugar</b>	4.1g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.12
<b>Total acid</b>	7.0g/l
<b>Maturation</b>	10-15 years.
<b>Honours</b>	Trophy for Best Riesling at Old Mutual Trophy Show