

# KLEIN CONSTANTIA

— 1685 —



## Riesling

<b>Vintage</b>	2011
<b>General</b>	2011 was a difficult year for the 25+ year old Riesling vines resulting in a crop of a mere 1,3tonnes per hectare. The low yield led to early phenolic ripeness at a lower sugar level.
<b>Description</b>	The nose is upfront and aromatic displaying riper fruit than previous years. Orange zest, citrus blossom and cardamom are complemented by a creamy spice which transfers through to the palate finishing with a light and elegant citrus crispness.
<b>Grape variety</b>	Riesling
<b>Wine record</b>	After destemming and crushing, the grapes were pressed, settled and fermented at a lower temperature than previous years in a combination of 500 litre wooden barrels and stainless steel tanks.  Maturation on lees lasted for approximately 6 months whereafter the wine was stabilized and bottled.
<b>Wine analysis</b>	
<b>Alcohol</b>	11.6 %
<b>Residual sugar</b>	2.6 g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.5
<b>Total acid</b>	5.7 g/l
<b>Maturation</b>	Easily enjoyable now, this wine could spend a further 5-10 years in the bottle.