

KLEIN CONSTANTIA

— 1685 —



Vin de Constance

Vintage	1996
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General	The re-creation of the legendary sweet Constantia wine made in the 18th and 19th century. Sought after by Napoleon and the European aristocracy, including George IV and Louis Philippe. Praised by Charles Dickens, Jane Austen and Baudelaire
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Description	Burnished golden colour with wafts of apricots infused with muscat. Complex, Lingering lemon honey sweetness. Beautifully balanced.
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Grape variety	Muscat de Frontignan
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Wine record	Situated on the narrow Cape Peninsula, Klein Constantia's vineyards enjoy a temperate maritime climate. The Muscat is planted on the lower, warmer slopes in unirrigated soils consisting of decomposed Table Mountain granite. The grapes are left on the vine to dry out until they are almost in a raisin form. The wine is then matured for 2 years in French oak barrels and is not fortified.
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Wine analysis:	Alc: 14%	RS:112g/l	pH: 3.67	TA: 8.7g/l
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Maturation	Drink now or cellar long-term (15-20 years)
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