

KLEIN CONSTANTIA

— 1685 —



Vin de Constance

Vintage	1997
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.
Description	Deep, yellow-gold in colour. Intense and complex nose of dried apricots, raisins and orange marmalade. Luscious mouthfeel: sweet, spicy, citrus fruit flavours with fine, balanced acidity. The finish is clean and long. Great potential, for drinking now or long-term cellar maturation
Grape variety	Muscat de Frontignan
Wine record	Grapes were left to dry on the vines and hand-selected towards the end of March of this cool vintage. Fermentation of the sweet, concentrated must took place in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. The wine was released almost 5 years after harvest.
Wine analysis:	Alc: 14% RS:102g/l pH: 3.46 TA: 9.1g/l
Maturation	Drink now or cellar long-term (15-20 years)
Honours	Wine Spectator 92 points Designated one of 25 Great Vineyards of the world by the American Wine & Spirits Journal. John Platter SA Wine Guide 2003 * * * * * Wine Spectator Magazine (July 2002): Tasted and received a score of 92/100 Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate issue 145 March 2003: 93/100 points Featured in the French coffee-table book 100 Legendary Wines and one of 44 labels in Les Plus Grand Crus du Monde.