

Klein Constantia Marlbrook 1999

Deep ruby in colour, with complex aromas of black berry fruit, violets, plum and cedar. The mouthfeel is richly textured, with deep, ripe fruit; firm, balanced tannins and a lingering finish. The compact structure will reward ageing for up to 10 years.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

winery :

winemaker :

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 1.5 g/l pH : 3.4 ta : 6.1 g/l

type : Red

pack : Bottle

ageing : Approachable now, though will evolve further in bottle. Cellaring potential: 8-10 years from vintage.

in the vineyard : The Merlot and Cabernet Franc originate from the vineyards surrounding the 18th century Marlbrook title of Klein Constantia Estate; the Cabernet Sauvignon from lower, warmer slopes. Soils comprise of decomposed Table Mountain granite and are not irrigated.

about the harvest: Grapes were hand-harvested later than normal in March of this hot, dry vintage.

in the cellar : Fermentation took place in rototanks at 26-30 degrees C, with regular rotation ensuring maximum extraction of colour, tannins and flavours. These Bordeaux varieties were vinified and matured separately. After 24 months in 100% new 225l French oak barrels, the wines were then blended to create a classic Bordeaux-style blend.