

## Klein Constantia Marlbrook 2008

A brooding, deeply concentrated wine showing density and power on a classic Constantia framework. Sumptuously ripe berry flavours at its core are enhanced by rich earthy notes which lend texture and balance the palate. The ripe, grainy tannins provide a finish which ends on a fresh, dry note.

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Malbec, 13% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot, 6% Cabernet Franc

**winery :** Klein Constantia Estate

**winemaker :** Adam Mason

**wine of origin :** Constantia

**analysis :** alc : 15.11 % vol   rs : 3.8 g/l   pH : 3.74   ta : 5.8 g/l

**type :** Red   **style :** Dry

**pack :** Bottle   **closure :** Cork

**ageing :** Will mature and improve in bottle up to 2020.

**in the vineyard :** A vintage characterized by high vigour and high disease pressure as a result of a wetter than usual growing period. Fortunately our canopy management prevented outbreaks of rot, and we harvested fully ripe, healthy grapes for Marlbrook. Significantly, this is the first vintage to include Malbec and Petit Verdot in the blend.

Well timed canopy management in the vineyard allowed for full ripening of the 5 varieties which make up the blend.

**in the cellar :** Each component was individually vinified in either oak cuvons or stainless steel fermentors. Once dry, the batches were pressed to barrel where they underwent malolactic fermentation and maturation for a period of 22 months.

