

Klein Constantia Marlbrook 2009

This is a typically complex and elegant Constantia red with aromas of classic dark chocolate, cinnamon spice and cigar box. A silky complex tannin follows with loads of structure, complimented by a dark fruit core. All these components result in a rich and elegant dry finish.

variety : Merlot | 46% Merlot, 26% Malbec, 14% Cabernet Franc, 12% Petit Verdot, 2% Shiraz

winery : Klein Constantia Estate

winemaker : Adam Mason

wine of origin : Constantia

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.6 ta : 5.6 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

ageing : Will mature and improve for a further 10+ years.

in the vineyard : 2009 was the first year that all the grapes from the blend went through the sorting table. Owing to the style and nature of the wine no Cabernet Sauvignon was used in this blend making this the first year that the Marlbrook has been a Merlot-based blend. The Merlot was complimented by our excellent Malbec fruit and the structure and backbone of the Petit Verdot as well as a dash of Shiraz just to add some finesse and complexity.

about the harvest:

in the cellar : Each and every barrel was tasted, evaluated and carefully selected to meet with the classic Marlbrook style. After blending, the wine was returned to barrel for a further 4 months taking the time in barrel to 26 months. This allowed for further development and tannin integration which is very evident in the wine today.

