

## Klein Constantia Pinot Noir 2002

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This wine, with its pale garnet colour, exhibits appealing aromas of red berry fruit and some savoury meatiness. Although firm on the palate, the style tends towards lighter bodied, and as such is ready to drink now.

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**variety :** Pinot Noir | 100% Pinot Noir

**winery :**

**winemaker :**

**wine of origin :**

**analysis :**

**type :** Red

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**ageing :** Drink within 1 year.

**in the vineyard :** The single-hectare Pinot Noir block lies 300m above sea level in the shade of the Vlakkenberg peak. Together with the high altitude and south-facing aspect, the Atlantic and Indian ocean breezes ensure ideal, cool conditions for this difficult variety. As this vineyard borders the Table Mountain Reserve, it is vulnerable to baboon damage - the first sign of ripening. Unirrigated soils consist of decomposed Table Mountain granite.

**about the harvest:** Grapes were hand-picked in early March of this moderate, but challenging vintage.

**in the cellar :** Traditional Burgundian vinification techniques of natural wild yeast fermentation and foot pigeage in open vats were used to obtain increased complexity and subtlety. The wine was matured for 12 months in French oak (Burgundy cooperage).