KLEIN CONSTANTIA — 1685 —



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Zdenek Bakala, Charles Harman, Bruno Prats and Hubert de Boüard

Winemaker: Matthew Day Total acreage under vine: 140 Estate founded: 1685 Region: Constantia



Klein Constantia Estate Red 2017

WINE DESCRIPTION

Our intention for the Estate Red 2016 was to produce a wine that represents our unique location. Over the years we have selected cultivars that best suit our terroir, planting them on the lower and warmer slopes of Klein Constantia. Located in one of the coolest wine growing regions in South Africa, we are able to achieve ripeness in conjunction with delicate tannins, allowing us to create a more elegant and refined wine.

Our soils originate from 600 million year old granite, formed in a period of different climatic conditions to today. This well-drained, fertile decomposed granite with high clay content ensures good water retention. During the long, dry summers of the Cape, enough water will slowly drain back into the vineyards to ensure an effective leaf canopy and proper ripening of the fruit.

Each parcel is carefully identified and blocks are split into multiple portions in order to harvest at the perfect ripeness. Malolactic fermentation takes place in 40% new French oak barrels after alcoholic fermentation. The wine is then aged for 12 months before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red in appearance. The Estate Red boasts a lively nose with rich dark fruit from ripe plums to blackcurrant with a perfume of elegant oak spice. The palate is refined with delicate red fruit backed up by well integrated tannin that allow for a long savory finish.

FOOD PAIRING

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Vineyard name: Constantia

Vineyard size: 21

Soil composition: decomposed granite, clay

Training method: VSP
Elevation: 248 feet
Vines/acre: 1480
Yield/acre: 1.6 tons
Exposure: Southeastern

Year vineyard planted: 2003

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition: 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Malbec, 19%

Shiraz, 16% Petit Verdot

Maceration technique: Punchdown and Pumpovers

Length of maceration: 18 days Malolactic fermentation: Yes Type of aging container: Barriques Size of aging container: 225 L Age of aging container: New Type of oak: French Length of aging before bottling: 16 months Length of bottle aging: 3 months

ANALYTICAL DATA

 Alcohol:
 14.6%

 pH level:
 3.6

 Residual sugar:
 2.0 g/L

 Acidity:
 5.2 g/L

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Estate Red Blend



Vintage	Our intention for the Estate Red Blend 2016 was to produce a wine that represents our unique location. Over the years we have selected cultivars that best suit our terroir, planting them on the lower and warmer slopes of Klein Constantia. Located in one of the coolest wine growing regions in South Africa, we are able to achieve ripeness in conjunction with delicate tannins, allowing us to create a more elegant and refined red wine.		
General			
Description	Deep ruby red in appearance. The Estate Red boasts a lively nose with rich dark fruit from ripe plums to blackcurrant balanced with a perfume of elegant oak spice. The palate is refined with delicate red fruit backed up by well integrated tannin that allows for a long savoury finish.		
Grape variety	40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Malbec, 19% Shiraz & 16% Petit Verdot		
Wine record	Each parcel is carefully identified and blocks are split into multiple portions in order to harvest at the perfect ripeness. The grapes are then bunch and berry sorted to ensure that only the healthiest berries are selected. Malo-lactic fermentation takes place in 40 % new French oak barrels after alcoholic fermentation. The wine is then aged for 12 months before blending and bottling.		
Wine analysis:			
Alcohol	14,64%		
Residual sugar	2,0 g/l		
рН	3,66		
Total acid	5.2 g/l		
Maturation	Drink now but this wine is made to age for 5 to 10 years.		
Region	Constantia, Western Cape		