

BEAU
CONSTANTIA

STELLA 2013

100% SYRAH



HISTORY

Beau Constantia is a boutique wine farm owned by the Du Preez family. The farm is situated on the north-facing slope of Constantia Nek, an elevated position overlooking False Bay to the east, where vineyards are exposed to the cool ocean-chilled winds. With vineyards stretching to 350m above sea-level on the Constantia mountain range, this spectacular site produces small quantities of phenomenal grapes with cropping levels ranging from 3 – 6 tons per hectare. This allows for concentrated, yet balanced wines that have a

VINTAGE DETAIL

This is a very small selection of only two of the very best barrels of Shiraz from a vintage that was so good that we decided to keep two barrels aside for a limited release. Only 450 bottles were made of this juicy, spicy and perfumed temptress of a wine. The Shiraz vineyard is in the middle of the well-exposed North-Eastern facing slope on Beau Constantia and produced perfectly ripe and healthy grapes that were hand-harvested, meticulously sorted and batch vinified in small fermentation vessels where most extraction during alcoholic fermentation was done by means of punch-downs. The wine has matured in 225L French oak barrels (50% new, 50% second fill) for 18 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTE

The STELLA 2013 shows upfront ripe fruit, black pepper and cherry flavours exuding from the dark, almost opaque, wine. It is quite spicy but has a clean red berry perfume that can be attributed to the perfect growing season of 2013. Huge flavour concentration carries onto the palate where the velvety tannins give the wine a fantastic mouthfeel and almost restraint tension. It is a powerful wine for sure, but the textbook-like vintage has allowed for excellent freshness to be retained, giving the wine elegance, finesse and a long, well-defined finish.

CELLARING

Drink now after decanting or place aside to rest and further develop up to a minimum of 2030

ANALYSIS

13.50 %	3.2 g / L	0.60 g / L	3.57	5.3 g / L
ALC	RS	VA	pH	TA

2012 VINTAGE

- * 90 Points by Neal Martin of The Wine Advocate
- * 4 1/2 Stars - Platter's SA Wine Guide 2015

2013 VINTAGE

- * 92 Points by Neal Martin of The Wine Advocate

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WINE OF ORIGIN CONSTANTIA
WINE OF SOUTH AFRICA

750 ml ALC. 13.5%VOL

CONTAINS
SULPHITES

