

# BEAU CONSTANTIA



**W.O.**  
Constantia

**ALC**  
14.5 % VOL

**TA**  
5.3 g/l

**VA**  
0.65 g/l

**RS**  
2.3 g/l

**pH**  
3.54

# LUCCA

## 2016

61% Merlot

39% Cabernet Franc

### Who we are

Beau Constantia is a boutique wine farm owned by the Du Preez family. With vineyards stretching to 350m above sea-level on the Constantia mountain range, this spectacular site produces small quantities of phenomenal grapes, allowing for concentrated, yet balanced, wines with a true sense of place.

### This year

by Winemaker Megan van der Merwe

Following the low rainfall received in 2015, the 2016 vintage is widely known as a drought-stricken one for South African wine growers. However, with our cold climate at the upper reaches of the Constantiaberg, these dry conditions produced beautiful wines. Reproductive development is less sensitive to water shortages than vegetative growth. This meant that canopies were smaller, allowing for better sunlight penetration as well as movement of air in the bunch zone, creating the ideal microclimate for ripening of healthy fruit. Only 33 barrels of the 2016 vintage were produced from the well nurtured 11 to 12 year old vines, all planted on the sunny slopes of our Beau Constantia soils. The healthy grapes that ripened in near textbook conditions were hand-picked and sorted down to berry level before being conveyed to their fermentation vessels, where they were allowed to ferment naturally. Then matured in 225L French oak barrels for 18 months before bottling.

### The wine

The LUCCA 2016 embodies the synthesis of elegance and power, demanding further exploration into an endless palate. Its spicy, floral perfume unwinds from its attractive herbal core of wild rosemary and fynbos with the swirl of a glass. Beyond the characteristics of the Cabernet Franc, the Merlot will provide you with Morelo cherry aromas, flowing effortlessly onto a palate showing serious structure.

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WINE OF ORIGIN CONSTANTIA  
WINE OF SOUTH AFRICA

750ml ALC. 14,5%VOL

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