

BEAU CONSTANTIA

LUCCA 2013 60% MERLOT, 40% CABERNET FRANC



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 the third, and yet another fittingly beautiful Beau Constantia Lucca, a classic Bordeaux-style blend. Only 25 barrels of wine were produced from the well nurtured 9 to 10 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 then sorted down to berry level before being conveyed to their fermentation vessels. A lengthy cold soak, gentle extraction during alcoholic fermentation and extended maceration on the grape skins lasted for about 25 days before the skins were basket pressed and the wines transferred to mature in 225L French oak barrels for 18 months before bottling. A vast 95% of the barrels were made up of new, yet restrained/natural French oak, with the remaining 5% being second fill barrels.

TASTING NOTE

The LUCCA 2013 shows a spicy, floral perfume entwined in an attractive herbal character that hints wild rosemary and fynbos tones that promise elegance on the horizon of reduced red berries and Morello cherry aromas. This perfect balance between complexity and restraint demands further exploration onto an endless palate, where the dense, succulent red fruit concentration is enriched by subtle, polished tannins to create a sheer velvet sensation on the mid-palate. The wine is rich, but the fantastic minerality and fragranced freshness, combined with graceful tannin structure and well refined texture allows for a long, well-defined finish.

CELLARING

Drink now or place aside to rest and further develop up to 2025

ANALYSIS

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| 14.50 % | 2.8 g / L | 0.63 g / L | 3.61 | 5.1 g / L |
| ALC | RS | VA | pH | TA |

2011 VINTAGE

- * Silver Medal - 2013 IWSC
- * 92 Points by Neal Martin of The Wine Advocate
- * Silver Medal - 2014 Decanter Wine Awards
- * Silver Medal - 2014 IWSC

2012 VINTAGE

- * 93 Points by Neal Martin of The Wine Advocate

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WINE OF ORIGIN CONSTANTIA
WINE OF SOUTH AFRICA

750 ml ALC. 14.5%VOL

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