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CONSTANTIA ROOD



GRAPES	Pinotage 34%; Merlot 30%; Shiraz 18%; Cabernet Franc 14%; Petit Verdot 1%; Cabernet Sauvignon 1%; Tannat 1%; Grenache 1%
VINTAGE	2018
PRODUCTION AREA	Constantia, Western Cape
GPS CO-ORDINATES:	S 34 01 50, E 18 25 20
CLIMATE	Mediterranean climate with cool breezes from the Atlantic Ocean, with an average maximum temperature in summer of 26°C, and an average night-time low in winter of 8°C. The long-term average rainfall is 1100mm per year.
SOIL TYPE	Various soils, from red clay and loamy granite soils, duplex soils from sandstone and granite origin, and weathered sandstone ranging from 40 to 160 m above sea level.
VITICULTURE	Vineyards are trained on vertical shoot position trellis systems. Vineyard actions like pruning, canopy management and harvesting are done by hand. Pest control is done biologically, and soil health and weed control are managed by a selected mix of winter cover crop.
DATE OF HARVEST	Mid-Feb to end of March
WINEMAKING	Grapes were handpicked and fermented in stainless steel with regular pump overs during fermentation. The different components were aged separately for 12 months in 20% 1st fill barrels 20% 2 nd 20% 3 rd and 40% 4 th fill French oak barrels before carefully blended and bottled.
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	The nose of this blended red wine shows a bouquet of complexity, from dark chocolate and mocha coffee to dark fruit like ripe plums and red fruit like cranberries and red cherries. The wine has subtle spicy flavours and 15 months ageing in French oak barrels add a touch of cedarwood and cinnamon flavour to the wine. The flavours follow on the palate of this elegant styled wine, and the firm tannins promise good ageing potential.
ANALYSIS	Alcohol content: 14.43%; Total acidity: 5.5 g/l; pH: 3.57; Residual sugar: 2.4 g/l, Total extract 30.4 g/l
WINEMAKER	Boela Gerber
ASSISTANT WINEMAKER	Elzanne Bosman