

PRIVATE BAG X1 CONSTANTIA 7848 RSA TEL:+27 21 794 5128 FAX:+27 21 794 1999 <a href="https://www.grootconstantia.co.za">www.grootconstantia.co.za</a> Reg No. 1993/003391/08

## **CONSTANTIA ROOD**



| GRAPES              | 38% Merlot, 37% Cabernet Franc, 18% Shiraz, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Pinotage, 1% Malbec   |
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| VINTAGE             | 2010  |
| 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. Average rainfall of 1100mm per annum.  |
| SOIL TYPE           | Glenrosa, Clovelly, Avalon, Hutton and Cartref.   |
| VITICULTURE         | This wine comes from various blocks that vary between 38m and 163m above sea level. All the slopes are south to south east facing.  |
| DATE OF HARVEST     | Start March to End April  |
| FERMENTATION METHOD | Grapes from selected vineyards were fermented separately. Pumpovers are done every 4 hours during fermentation.   |
| MATURATION METHOD   | The different components are aged separately for 13 months in 20 % new French oak barrels and the balance in 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> fill French oak barrels before carefully blended.  |
| PRODUCT DESCRIPTION | This is a medium bodied wine with red fruit flavours of cherries, strawberries, raspberries and plums, with hints of chocolate and spice. The berry fruits follow through on the palate, with a lingering spicy aftertaste. The tannins are well rounded and soft on the palate, yet still firm enough to give a long lasting mouth feel. This wine is ready for consumption, but will mature well over the next 8 years. |
| SERVING SUGGESTION  | Slowly braised guinea fowl on a mushroom risotto. Butter flied leg of lamb grilled on the braai. Oxtail casserole. Mature rump steak grilled on the braai.  |
| SERVING TEMPERATURE | 17°C  |
| SPECIFICATIONS      | Alcohol content: 13.72%; Total acidity: 5.5 g/l; pH: 3.63; Residual sugar: 2.2 g/l, Total extract 30.2  |
| WINEMAKER           | Boela Gerber  |
| ASSISTANT WINEMAKER | Daniel Keulder  |
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