



## NEWSLETTER - Winter 2011

**Welcome to your Winter 2011 Constantia Glen Wine Estate newsletter.**

We will be making this a regular communication in order to keep you up to date with events at our beautiful estate, nestled high up in the picturesque Constantia Valley region of the Cape Peninsula. Covering harvest and maturation news as well as new releases, tasting notes and opinions of our wines, this newsletter aims to inform and entertain. [Our website](#) has lots of information and tasting notes on our wines and you are welcome to browse around at any time.

Special offers for our Constantia Glen Wine Club members and tasting room visitors will also be announced here from time to time. Keep your eyes peeled for these – they're offers which will be exclusive!

### **International Wine Experts score Constantia Glen Wines**

**Derek Smedley & Jancis Robinson**, both well known and highly respected UK Wine Masters have tasted and scored wines from the estate. Derek is also co-chair of the International Wine Challenge, while Jancis is well known as an author and journalist, being wine writer for many different publications including the Financial Times.

They each tasted the **Constantia Glen Sauvignon blanc 2010** – our brand new release as well as the **Constantia Glen Three 2008** – not yet released, but due in a few weeks! They scored them:

Constantia Glen Sauvignon blanc 2010: **J R: 16.5/20** and **D S: 93/100**

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Their insights into the subtleties of our wines are gratifying and we believe an accurate assessment of what these exceptional wines offer our friends.

Read in detail what they had to say [here](#) .....





## 2011 Harvest

The 2011 harvest was a fantastic one for Constantia Glen. Our two main soil types – Weathered Table Mountain Sandstone and Decomposed Granite, were perfectly suited to weather the dry ripening period. Both of these soils have characteristic clay-rich sub-layers that help retain moisture and slowly release it to the growing vines during the ripening season.

It was a dry and windy growing season and this meant slower and less growth and a slightly reduced yield. All told, this led to smaller, concentrated berries and outstanding wines. Our preceding winter season offered much in terms of wetness and this helped us with ripening later in the season.

The Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon are bold and concentrated with wonderful richness and that classic Constantia minerality. It remains on the lees and will be bottled near the end of the year, so expect a crackle of a wine to be released in 2012.

The reds - Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Malbec and Merlot, all showed smaller berry size and slightly reduced yields. The concentration of colour in the resultant wines is outstanding and the tannin profile smooth and persistent. All these gems are ageing small French oak barrels in our cellar and will be blended early in 2012.

## Constantia Glen Tasting Room

Our Tasting Room has been open for 10 months and offers not only our fantastic wines but also the most enviable views of the gorgeous Constantia Valley, Table Mountain and False Bay. It is open 7 days a week, Mondays through to Fridays from 10 – 5 pm and on weekends 10 – 4pm.

*Nadine Otto*, our enthusiastic Tasting Room Manager welcomes you to enjoy a tasting of our fine wines and to snack on a bespoke Dalewood cheese platter. For those who pull the short straw and are nominated as designated drivers we offer complimentary Nespresso coffee or rich and delicious hot chocolate.



## Special Wines & Offers

### Constantia Saddle Rosé 2011

Our first ever rosé will be released in September – but only to Constantia Wine Club members and visitors to the Tasting Room. It is a beautiful blush wine, dry and refreshing and with summer around the corner is the perfect match for lazy afternoons and tapas!

A special offer will be available but make sure your order is in place – **click here** for an on-line order form. We will contact you to confirm details and make sure your order is reserved for your enjoyment come summer!

### Constantia Glen Sauvignon blanc 2009

Also only available to visitors to the Tasting Room and to Constantia Glen Wine Club members, this highly rated wine is going at R900 per 12 bottle case – compared to a normal R1200 per 12 bottle case. It's a great buy! **Click here to order.**

Remember – 12 bottle cases will be delivered free to all major South Africa cities!

### Constantia Glen Five 2009

Now here's an offer no serious wine lover will want to miss! We have been holding back on 4 barrels of this amazing Bordeaux Blend and are proud to offer it as a RESERVE wine for Club members only. The regular 2009 Five will only be on sale in 2013 but Club members have the option of getting a case of 6 bottles of this amazing reserve wine.

It has aged gracefully in 100% new French oak for two years and will be bottled in September. It is a stunning wine and well worth the investment. Full details and an on-line order form will be available – to Club Members only - in our next newsletter – so make sure you flag it!

*Please note that special offers are only available to club members resident in South Africa.*

We look forward to your next visit to our magnificent estate – please pop in and enjoy the view, the wine and our ambiance.



**Karl Lambour**

Wine Maker

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