



## NEWSLETTER - Winter 2012

### Constantia Glen Newsletter Autumn/Winter 2012

With the vineyards changing colour as autumn makes its presence known, Constantia Glen embraces the cool weather and continues to offer some of the finest wine tasting experiences in the Winelands with sweeping panoramic views and exquisite vintages.

You can now stay up to date with all our latest news by visiting our brand new [Facebook page](#), where we share photos, updates as well as delicious food and wine pairings, and keep you informed of upcoming events. We also invite you to post your Constantia Glen photos on our wall, be it your experience at our lovely tasting room, or showing us where you enjoyed our boutique wines.

We look forward to hearing from you!

### Harvest 2012

Harvest 2012 at Constantia Glen started on Monday, 27 February with the picking of our Sauvignon Blanc grapes, with harvesting continuing until 25 April – a whole week later than 2011!

“Harvest 2012 is the latest ever for Constantia Glen, with the long “hang time” for the grapes boding well for positive results as the grapes, once again, achieved optimal phenolic and tannin ripeness this season,” says winemaker Justin van Wyk, who has been putting the newest addition to the cellar, an open wooden fermenter from France, to the test for Constantia Glen’s ultra-elegant, Bordeaux style reds.



### Delightful duo make their debut

We celebrate the month of May with two new vintages. Just in time for winter, our much anticipated and highly acclaimed **Constantia Glen Five 2008** is an elegant expression of five Bordeaux varieties grown on the upper reaches of the Constantiaberg. The wine has already won three international gold medals: 2011 International Wine and Spirit Competition (Best in Class), 2011 International Wine Challenge and 2011 Mundus Vini.

On home turf, it boasts 4½ stars in Platter’s South African Wines.

Our next debutant, the **2011 Sauvignon Blanc**, has a vibrant intensity and is a classic Constantia wine with beautiful elegance and length showing refined minerality.

Both wines will make their debut from **4 to 6 May at The Wine Show Jo’burg 2012** at the Coca-Cola Dome, Northgate, and in Cape Town at the Constantia Food and Wine Festival at Constantia Uitsig.

Or come and put these new wines to the test at our tasting room.



### Constantia Glen enjoyed at Austria’s 5-star Schwarz Hotel

The Schwarz Hotel, one of Constantia Glen’s top customers in Europe, is located in picturesque Tyrol, Austria. Our export manager, Günther Rettenbacher, recently attended a gala dinner at this 5-star hotel, joined by Mr Pirktl, owner of the hotel.

The Schwarz Alpine Spa & Resort is a traditional, family run lakeside spa retreat combining a 4 000m<sup>2</sup> spa and state-of-the-art health and fitness suite with year-round sporting activities, luxury accommodation, and breathtaking snow-capped mountain scenery. [Go to their website.](#)

### Tasting room showcases private art collection

Due to our increasing popularity, Constantia Glen’s tasting room is expanding to enhance your visit to our beautiful estate. The former office of our custodian, Alexander Waibel, has been incorporated into the tasting room and visitors can now enjoy his rare art collection adorning the walls. The original artworks include stunning African canvasses, including a Fanti war flag from Ghana, West Africa, from the first half of the 20th Century, as well as captivating pieces by William Kentridge.

In addition to our fabulous cheese and charcuterie platters, our tasting room will be serving hearty soups by our very own caterer, Myra van Aswegen, sure to warm the cockles of your heart during the chilly months.



### Mother’s Day at Constantia Glen

Spoil your mom at Constantia Glen on Mother’s Day, Sunday, 13 May, with our magnificent panoramic view, prestigious wines and mouth-watering platters. All mothers visiting our tasting room on Mother’s Day will get a free wine tasting – the perfect treat on this special occasion.

### Join our Wine Club

Join our Wine Club and feel like a VIP with untold benefits, including free wine tastings for the Wine Club Member when you visit the tasting room, free delivery to your door if you order R700 or more of our wine, and an exclusive invitation to join us as our special guest during our harvest celebration luncheon. Visit our [Wine Club site](#) to sign up and be part of the Constantia Glen experience



We wish you a cosy winter season and look forward to seeing you at our tasting room.

### Constantia Glen team

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