

Groot Constantia Merlot 2011

A fruity Merlot with multiple berries, raspberries, red cherries, and plums on the nose. Berry fruit follow through on the palate with a wonderful soft lingering and very classic aftertaste.

Saddle of venison and redcurrant jelly.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Groot Constantia Estate

winemaker : Boela Gerber

wine of origin : Constantia

analysis : alc : 14.4 % vol rs : 1.5 g/l pH : 3.43 ta : 5.90 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

Veritas 2007 - Bronze

ageing : It is ready for immediate consumption, but has excellent maturation potential.

in the vineyard :

Climate: Mediterranean climate with cool breezes from the Atlantic Ocean. Average rainfall of 1100mm per annum.

Soil type: Glenrosa

Viticulture: This wine mostly comes from a block that varies between 67m and 95m above sea level. The slopes are south to south east facing.

about the harvest:

The grapes were picked at 24.5° balling at the beginning of March.

in the cellar : Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks. During the first half of fermentation the wine was pumped over every 4 hours. The wine matured for 14 months in 225 litre barrels of which 47% new French oak and the balance 2nd and 3rd fill barrels.

