

Groot Constantia Merlot 2013

A multi layered Merlot that shows flavours of mulberry, raspberry, plums and hints of spices on the nose. Berry fruit like black currant and mulberries follow on the palate. Fine tannins give structure and length to the wine that finishes with great concentration and weight.

Saddle of venison and redcurrant jelly.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Groot Constantia Estate

winemaker : Boela Gerber

wine of origin : Constantia

analysis : alc : 14.29 % vol rs : 1.6 g/l pH : 3.41 ta : 6.2 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **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^o balling at the beginning of March.

in the cellar : Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks. During the first 3.41 half of fermentation the wine was pumped over every 4 hours. The wine matured for 13 months in 225 litre barrels of which 44% new French oak and the balance 2nd and 3rd fill barrels.

