

Groot Constantia Gouverneurs Reserve 1988

A Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot blend. It is an elegant wine with a berry nose and complexity of flavour well interwoven with good character. It promises superb bottle maturation. First released in 1986 and since then it has received numerous Double Gold or Gold Veritas Awards. An outstanding wine in its Class

Flagship of the Estate. A Bordeaux blend. Cabernet Sauvignon blended with Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Matured in new, small French Nevere Oak barrels. Blended for elegance, it has a berry nose complexity of flavour well interwoven with wood character. Good tannin in a softer style, (combined with longer skin contact) promises good bottle maturation potential. All these cultivars planted on the same slope of Glenrosa soil.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot

winery : Groot Constantia Estate

winemaker : Bob de Villiers

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : **alc** : 12.7 % vol **rs** : 1.7 g/l **pH** : 3.7 **ta** : 6.9 g/l

type : Red

Received Gold Veritas Award in 1992.

in the cellar : Every year the Estate has purchased small Nevere Oak barrels â€” 500 and 225 litre for the Chardonnay and 500 litre for the Bordeaux blend.