

## Groot Constantia Gouverneurs Reserve 1996

The flagship of the estate. It is made from the classic Bordeaux varieties. A Cabernet Sauvignon (62%) blended with Cabernet Franc (19%) and Merlot (19%). However this need not also be the case. The estate's objective is to use the very best of the red varieties in a particular vintage for the Gouverneurs Reserve. It is an elegant wine with a berry nose and complexity of flavor well interwoven with wood character, with a mixture of nutty, peppery and fruit flavors.

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

**winery :** Groot Constantia Estate

**winemaker :** Bob de Villiers

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 13.00 % vol   rs : 1.9 g/l   pH : 3.74   ta : 6.0 g/l

**type :** Red

First released in 1986 and since then it has received either Double Gold or Gold Veritas awards in certain years. Received Double Gold in the 1998 Veritas Awards.

**ageing :** The wine will develop with great distinction. Buy now for the year 2000.

**in the vineyard :** Grapes come from selected vineyards.

**in the cellar :** Extended maturation on the skins one to two weeks. Matured for 16 months in a 100% new, small French Oak barrels (225 and 300 liter barrels).