

Groot Constantia Shiraz 2001

Veritas 2003 - Silver

The wine is a fine example of this superb variety. The wood maturation & cultivar aromas endow the wine with an elegant flavour. It is well balanced with flavours and hints of mint and blackcurrants, some good fleshy fruit backed by firm tannins. Lots of flavour, delicious and carefully balanced. The French barrels give more full complexity to the wine, whilst the American Oak gives a touch of sweetness with a slight vanilla character to the wine. Shiraz has been one of the best wines produced at Groot Constantia.

Roasted fillet of kudu wrapped in bacon. Roast beef with wine sauce.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Groot Constantia Estate

winemaker : Boela Gerber

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.41 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.33 ta : 5.2 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**

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in the vineyard : Climate: Mediterranean - Wonderful cool breezes coming from the Atlantic Ocean. With an average rainfall of 1100 mm per annum.
Soil Type: Clovelly and Glenrosa.

about the harvest: The grapes were picked at 25° Balling.

in the cellar : Fermentation took place in open tanks for 8 days, lots of pump overs. Wines were matured in 40% New French Oak, 225 litre barrels and the balance in 2nd and 3rd fill barrels, with 10% American Oak for 12 months.

