

Groot Constantia Merlot 2001

Veritas 2003 - Silver

Medium bodied Merlot, loads of colour, fleshy and velvety, slight almonds and vanilla essence, with mulberry fruit, good integration of fruit, with a slight hint of mocha and cinnamon on the nose. This wine has not been stabilized or filtered.

Lamb potjie with potatoes and vegetables, leg of venison studded with bacon. Loin of Kasseler ribs roasted whole and served with sweet mustard sauce.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot

winery : Groot Constantia Estate

winemaker : Boela Gerber

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.4 g/l pH : 3.59 ta : 5.2 g/l

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

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ageing : It is ready for immediate consumption but has excellent maturation potential for up to four years.

in the vineyard : Climate: Mediterranean - Wonderful cool breezes coming from the Indian Ocean as well as the Atlantic Ocean. With an average rainfall of 1100 mm per annum. Although the weather this year was much cooler compared to last year.
Soil type: Glenrosa.

about the harvest: The grapes were picked at 25.5° Balling.

in the cellar : Fermented for 10 days on the skins in the rototanks. Matured for 12 months in 225 litre barrels, of which 60% New French Nevers oak and the balance 2nd and 3rd fill.

