

## Groot Constantia Merlot Shiraz 2002

A blend of Nobel varietals, Merlot 60% and 40% Shiraz. Deep plum colour with delicious cocoa/coffee bouquet with inviting black cherry as well as a combination of smoked bacon kips and pepper aromas. The wine is prepared in a medium to full bodied style and the blending has been done after maturation.

Oxtail potjie, lamb knuckles with garlic and lentils, leg of venison studded with bacon.

**variety :** Merlot | 60% Merlot, 40% Shiraz

**winery :** Groot Constantia Estate

**winemaker :** Boela Gerber

**wine of origin :** Coastal

**analysis :** alc : 13.31 % vol   rs : 2.1 g/l   pH : 3.55   ta : 5.8 g/l

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

**pack :** Bottle

**in the vineyard :** Climate: Mediterranean - wonderful cool breezes coming from the Atlantic Ocean. With an average rainfall of 1100mm per annum.  
Soil type: Avalon, Clovelly and Glenroas.

**about the harvest:** The grapes were picked at 24 - 25° Balling.

**in the cellar :** Fermented dry on the skins separately and thereafter aged in small French oak barrels for 12 months, 2nd and 3rd fill barrels.

