

Groot Constantia Shiraz 2002

The Shiraz is well balanced with flavours and hints of mint and blackcurrant, some good fleshy fruit backed by firm tannins. It has a small percentage of American Oak, which gives a touch of sweetness and vanilla character to the wine.

Karoo lamb and herb crust, oxtail potjie.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz

winery : Groot Constantia Estate

winemaker : Boela Gerber

wine of origin : Coastal

analysis : alc : 13.64 % vol rs : 1.8 g/l pH : 3.71 ta : 6.0 g/l va : 0.66 g/l so2 : 68 mg/l fso2 : 39 mg/l

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

pack : Bottle

in the vineyard : Climate: Situated on the Cape Peninsula overlooking False Bay. The vineyards are tucked on the steep valley on the Eastern side of Table Mountain. The area is blessed with a maritime climate due to the oceans on both sides and annual average rainfall of 1100mm.

Soil type: Clovelly and Glenrosa

about the harvest: The grapes were picked at 23 - 24^h Balling.

in the cellar : Fermentation took place in the open tanks and lots of pump overs.

Wines matured in New French Oak Barrels 225 litres as well as 2nd and 3rd fill, with 10% in American Oak for a period of 12 months.

