

Delheim Grand Reserve

Delheim's range of wines are led by the majestic Grand Reserve. This is our flagship red, an aristocratic wine made from only the finest grapes. "Grand Reserve", meaning simply the best, has been the fundamental motivation behind Delheim's super red since the maiden vintage in 1981.

THE HISTORY

Visits to the Californian winelands by South African cellar masters in 1981 – 82 started a revolution among the Cape winemakers. A revolution against their own traditional Cape red wine production methods. The reason? In the prestigious cellars of the Napa Valley, they found the best of the Californian red harvest maturing in thousands upon thousand of new French (225 litre Bordeaux style) oak barrels. Red wines of such superior style had never been found outside the areas of France before.

THE SECRET

Nurtured with minimum treatment and aged exclusively in small French oak, Delheim Grand Reserve follows no recipe, but rather a style. It may be a Merlot blend or a Cabernet Sauvignon with the latter gaining supremacy over time. Grand Reserve has been produced in limited quantities to ensure a world class quality.

THE RESULT

Since its release in 1981, Grand Reserve has been honoured with much prestigious recognition. **It has been selected for every Nederburg Auction since the label was launched.** A serious wine that merits careful cellaring for five to ten years to reach its full potential.

CELLARMASTERS OF GRAND RESERVE:

1980 – 1987 Kevin Arnold

1988 – 2000 Philip Costandius

2001 – 2002 Conrad Vlok

2003 – present Brenda Van Niekerk

[Delheim Grand Reserve vintage information sheet from 1981 until 2007](#)



From L to R: Victor Sperling, Kevin Arnold, Brenda van Niekerk, Spatz Sperling, Philip Costandius, Conrad Vlok and Nora Sperling