

RIVER GARDEN SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017


LOURENSFORD
ANNO 1700

THE HARVEST

It was the driest year in 100 years of recorded history at Lourensford and we only received half of the normal average annual rainfall. This was followed by one of the hottest and driest summers in history. Budding started about one week earlier. We did not have severe South Easter winds at the start of summer. This resulted in very good budding and flowering of the vines. The drought and high summer temperatures resulted in much faster ripening and the earliest recorded harvest dates in history on Lourensford as well as the fastest harvest ever. The vines were generally very healthy and in good balance and harmony. The berries were smaller and more concentrated. With good canopy management and perfect harvest decisions we managed to bring the grapes in at just the desired time. This resulted in refined wines with elegance and slightly lower alcohols compared to other harvests.

IN THE VINEYARD

Altitude: 100-200m above sea level from various locations on Lourensford Wine Estate

Age of vines: 11-16 years

Rootstock: 101-14 Mgt

Slopes: North Eastern and flat laying areas

Soil type: Varying soil types including high potential soil of Sweetwater, Tukul, Dundee and Pinedene

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 13 vol %

pH: 3.25

Total acid: 6.58g/l

RS: 1.45 g/l

Closure: Aluminium screwcap with Saran/Tin liner

WINE INFORMATION

Cultivar: 100% Sauvignon blanc

Wood: No wood treatment

MATURATION POTENTIAL

This vintage can be enjoyed up to 2019 but will reach its best drinking potential towards the end of 2018.

TASTING NOTE

Pungent tropical fruit flavours of litchi, pineapple, guava, kiwifruit and granadilla supported by fresh crispness and lime, paw-paw, passion fruit and green pepper undertones, makes this a delightful and balanced everyday wine.

FOOD PAIRING

It is a refreshingly versatile tapas style wine that will go with fresh green salads, gazpacho and seafood or to be enjoyed outdoors with your favourite picnic

Best served ice cold and would not mind a block of ice or two.



“The River Garden wines by Lourensford are an elegant range that exemplifies the breath taking mountains, crystal-clear rivers and tranquil settings, capturing the sheer enjoyment of nature with understated class and finesse”