

# RIVER GARDEN CLASSIQUE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017

  
**LOURENSFORD**  
ANNO 1700

## THE HARVEST

The preceding two winters has been the driest in recorded history on Lourensford Estate. However, due to enough cold weather during winter the vines did go into proper dormancy with budding that occurred normally. We did not have the usual severe South Easter winds at the start of summer. This resulted in very good and even budding and flowering of the vines. We also experienced one of the coolest and driest summers in history with moderate temperatures and cool nights that resulted in slow and even ripening. With good canopy management and perfect ripening conditions we managed to bring the grapes in at just the desired time. This resulted in refined wines with elegance, good natural acidity with depth and structure. The harvest dates were 2rd February – 4th March 2017.

## IN THE VINEYARD

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

*Age of vines:* 11 - 16 years

*Origin:* Helderberg Ward, Stellenbosch

*Slopes:* North Eastern and flat laying areas

*Row directions:* North South

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

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

*Alcohol:* 13.0 vol %

*pH:* 3.22

*Total Acid:* 7.5 g/l

*RS:* 1.20 g/l

*Closure:* Aluminum screw cap with Saran/Tin liner

## WINE INFORMATION

*Cultivar:* 100% Sauvignon blanc

*Wood:* No wood treatment

## MATURATION POTENTIAL

This vintage can be enjoyed up to 2020, but will reach its best drinking potential towards the middle of 2018.

## TASTING NOTE

The pungent tropical fruit flavours of litchi, passion fruit, guava, and kiwifruit supported by fresh crispness with lime, green pepper and Cape gooseberry undertones and a creamy finish on the pallet, makes this a delightful and balanced everyday wine with a long aging potential.

## FOOD PAIRING

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

It is best served ice cold.



"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"