

RIVER GARDEN CLASSIQUE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2019


LOURENSFORD
ANNO 1700

THE HARVEST

The 2019 harvest was our most challenging harvest to date. The preceding three year drought has been the driest years in recorded history in the South African Wine producing regions. The effects of which could still be seen in our vineyards during this harvest. Fortunately due our unique topography and we had enough water for all the normal requirements of our vines during and after harvest. Apart from that we also experienced extreme weather conditions with a heat wave towards the end of winter leading to pre-mature budding of the early varieties. We also experienced cool temperatures and higher than normal rainfall during February and early March, putting a lot of pressure on the disease control of the vines. It has been a harvest like no other where we visited all the vineyards at least once or twice a day to monitor the ripeness and determine the perfect harvest window. Due to the weather conditions the crop levels were a little bit less than normal, but our overall quality is deemed very high as much of the loss in overall volume was due to smaller berries and bunches which, conversely, should lead to a greater concentration of flavour and colour in the 2019 wines.

IN THE VINEYARD

Altitude: 100 - 200m above sea level from various locations on Lourensford Wine Estate.
Age of vines: 13-18 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, Tukulu, Dundee and Pinedene

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol: 13.0 vol %
pH: 3.32
Total Acid: 6.2 g/l
RS: 1.50 g/l
Closure: Aluminum screw cap with Saran/Tin liner

WINE INFORMATION

Cultivar: 100% Sauvignon blanc
Wood: No wood treatment. 30% of this wine underwent Malo-lactic fermentation giving the wine its creamy finish. The acidity of the wine is all natural and no additional acid was added to this wine.

MATURATION POTENTIAL

This vintage can be enjoyed up to 2022.

TASTING NOTE

The pungent tropical fruit flavours of litchi, passion fruit, and kiwifruit supported by a fresh crispness of lime and green pepper with white pear 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"