

FLOWER COLLECTION

CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT 2017



LOURENSFORD
ANNO 1700

THE HARVEST

The preceding two winters to the 2017 harvest has been the driest in recorded history on Lourensford. However, due to enough cold weather during winter the vines did go into proper dormancy with budding that occurred normally. 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.

IN THE VINEYARD

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

Age of vines: 10-15 years

Rootstock: Richter 110, 101 Mgt

Clones: CS46, CS 359, MO 348, MO192, DF1

Slopes: North western facing slopes

Row direction: North-East to South West and North-South

Soil type: Varying soil profiles particular to the Western Cape

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14 vol %

pH: 3.43

Total acid: 5.4 g/l

RS: 2.6 g/l

Closure: Aluminium screwcap with Saran/Tin liner

WINE INFORMATION

Cultivar: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 20% Durif

Wood: Matured in varying ages of 300L French Oak barrels for up to 12 months

MATURATION POTENTIAL

This vintage can be enjoyed up to 2021, but will reach its best drinking potential towards the middle of 2019.

TASTING NOTE

A deep, dark red wine with sweet fruit flavours of blackcurrant, raspberry and plum with hints of black liquorice. The palate is complex and refreshing with a good acidity. The flavours from the nose follow through to the palate with an earthy, minerality on the finish.

FOOD PAIRING

A wine to be enjoyed with everyday home-style dishes from meat on the barbeque to more hearty stews and pastas or even just with a beef sandwich for lunch.



"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"