

THE DOME ETHEL 2017


LOURENSFORD
ANNO 1700

THE HARVEST

The preceding two winters to the 2017 vintage 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 which occurred normally. We also experienced one of the coolest and driest summers in history with moderate temperatures and cool evenings which resulted in slow and even ripening of the berries. With good canopy management and perfect ripening conditions we were able to bring the grapes in to the cellar at just the desired time. This resulted in refined wines with elegance, good natural acidity with depth and structure.

IN THE VINEYARD

Altitude: 168-200m above sea level, and close to the Lourens River.

Age of vines: 15-16 years

Rootstock: 101-14 Mgt

Clones: CS46, MO347

Slopes: Situated on South-West facing slopes

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14 vol %

pH: 3.50

Total acid: 5.8 g/l

RS: 2.9 g/l

Closure: Hand selected quality cork

WINE INFORMATION

Cultivar: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot

Wood: Matured for 19 months in French oak barrels of which 35% was new. Only the finest barrels were selected.

Bottles produced: 7599

MATURATION POTENTIAL

This vintage can be enjoyed up to 2021.

TASTING NOTE

Aromas of blackcurrants & raspberry greet you on the nose along with tea leaf nuances and hints of cedar wood. The palate is distinguished and complex with a refreshing acidity supported by soft, silky smooth tannins. The flavours from the nose follow through to the juicy palate along with flavours of cassis. These fresh, fruity flavours will linger on the palate and slowly fade away.

FOOD PAIRING

The Dome Ethel 2017 pairs exceptionally well with substantial foods including grilled or barbequed lamb, beef, kudu, ostrich and springbok

Serve between 16 and 18 ° C for the best results.



"A magnificent Estate utilising unique technology and reaping the benefits of global expertise and optimal terrior, the wines of Lourensford are becoming well recognised icons of true style and sophistication"