

RIVER GARDEN CLASSIQUE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2020


LOURENSFORD
ANNO 1700

THE HARVEST

We experienced an improved 2019 post-harvest period compared to the previous year, resulting in a bigger crop. The leaves fell around the same time or later than usual. Sufficient cold units were accumulated during the winter to break dormancy. With spring came mostly favourable conditions, which contributed to a somewhat earlier but even bud-break. The early growing season will especially be remembered for good, homogenous shoot growth. Summer temperatures were moderate during the ripening period, with the absence of characteristic heat peaks. These conditions bode particularly well for flavour retention in the grapes.

Although the harvesting season commenced approximately two weeks earlier than usual, we will forever remember the 2020 harvest for the unexpected announcement of the COVID-19 lockdown, which was implemented in South Africa from 26 March 2020. This resulted in us finishing the last harvest activities with only 20% of our staff. The 2020 crop will however bring exceptional wines to consumers and will be known as one of our best vintages despite these trying conditions.

IN THE VINEYARD

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

Age of vines: 14-19 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: 13.5 vol %

pH: 3.28

Total Acid: 6.0 g/l

RS: 1.80 g/l

Closure: Aluminum screw cap with Saran/Tin liner

WINE INFORMATION

Cultivar: 100% Sauvignon blanc

Wood: 3.5% of this wine was made from grapes that was frozen for a few week and then defrosted, pressed and fermented during autumn.

MATURATION POTENTIAL

This vintage can be enjoyed up to 2023.

TASTING NOTE

The pungent tropical fruit flavours of ripe figs, kiwifruit and passion fruit supported by a fresh crispness of lime and white pear undertones and a creamy structured 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"