

## River Garden Shiraz / Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

The wine has a ruby red and bright colour. Soft hints of spice and vanilla well supported by red berry fruits. Gentle pleasing taste well supported by lingering vanilla and red fruit flavours. A well balanced wine that lends itself to its daily enjoyment and fun.

**variety** : Shiraz | 50% Shiraz, 50% Cabernet Sauvignon

**winery** : Lourensford Wine Estate

**winemaker** : Chris Joubert

**wine of origin** : Stellenbosch

**analysis** : **alc** : 14.0 % vol **rs** : 5.47 g/l **pH** : 3.55 **ta** : 5.79 g/l

**type** : Red **style** : Dry **body** : Medium **taste** : Fruity **wooded**

**pack** : Bottle **closure** : Screwcap

**ageing** : Will mature for a further 3 years.

**in the vineyard** : Situation: Grapes from Lourensford Estate in Somerset West, Stellenbosch region and selected="true"="true" blocks in the Western Cape.

Altitude: 100 - 200m above sea level

Soil Type: Various soil profiles particular to the Western Cape

Age of Vines: 5 - 10 years.

Irrigation: Drip Irrigation

Climate: Cool Climate

**about the harvest**: February / March 2008

**in the cellar** : Gentle crushing of grapes. Up to 30% whole berries were allowed in the mash. Three rack and return transfers were executed daily during fermentation. The entire process was carried out with the aid of overhead gantry cranes and satellite tanks to enable minimum handling and the use of gravity to preserve fruit flavours. The wine was matured in varying ages of 300 litre French oak barrels for a periods of 8 - 10 months.

