

River Garden Shiraz / Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

A bright, deep red wine with soft hints of spice and vanilla well supported by red fruit flavours. A gentle and balanced wine that lends itself to its daily enjoyment.

As a blend this wine can be enjoyed on its own or with different kinds of beef steak, barbeque dishes and venison.

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 : Up to five years from vintage date.

in the vineyard : Situation: Grapes from Lourensford Estate in Somerset West, Stellenbosch region.

Altitude: 100 - 200m above sea level

Soil Type: Decomposed granite and clay.

Age of Vines: 9 Years

Irrigation: Drip Irrigation

Climate: Cool Climate

about the harvest: February / March 2009

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.

