

The River Garden Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot 2011

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.

This wine will go well with pork or beef dishes. It can also be paired with everyday home-style dishes such as cottage or steak and kidney pies.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Merlot

winery : Lourensford Wine Estate

winemaker : Chris Joubert

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 4.5 g/l pH : 3.68 ta : 5.8 g/l

type : Red **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**

pack : Bottle **closure :** Screwcap

ageing : Up to five years from vintage date

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

Age of vines: 5-10 years

Rootstock: Richter 110

Clones: CS46, MO192

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

about the harvest: Harvested in February and March 2011.

in the cellar : 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.

This wine is matures in varying ages of 300L French Oak barrels for 6-8 months

