

The River Garden Shiraz / Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

A bright, deep red wine showing upfront flavours of plum and blackberry fruit with hints of pepper spice, cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon with a wild red berry core and undertones of sweet vanilla pod.

A wine that can be enjoyed with a whole range of dishes from meat on the barbeque to more hearty stews or even just with a beef sandwich for lunch.

variety : Shiraz | 65% Shiraz, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon

winery : Lourensford Wine Estate

winemaker : Hannes Nel

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 4.4 g/l pH : 3.51 ta : 5.5 g/l

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

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Screwcap

about the harvest: A cool winter allowed vines to go into proper dormancy. We were expecting a very different scenario with the cool start to spring and early summer which we thought would delay the start of the harvest. Then the heat rose in early January and again in early February. However, for the most part, February and March were relatively mild, making for long, slow and very beneficial ripening. What also enhanced quality was the drop in night time temperatures that in some instances was 1.5°C to 2°C lower compared with the average for February. This helped fruit to retain aromas and flavours.

