

The River Garden Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot 2014

A bright, deep red wine with dark chocolate, tobacco and blackberry notes on the nose followed by a dense meaty core with hints of licourice and a mineral finesse on the finish.

A wine to be enjoyed with everyday home-style dishes from meat on the barbeque to more hearty stews and pastas or even just with a beef sandwich for lunch.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 5% Mourvedre

winery : Lourensford Wine Estate

winemaker : Hannes Nel

wine of origin : Western Cape

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 2.8 g/l pH : 3.49 ta : 5.6 g/l

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

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

2014 Gold Wine Awards winner

ageing : This vintage can be enjoyed up to 2017, but will reach its best drinking potential towards the middle of 2015.

in the vineyard : 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 suddenly, 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. This helped fruit to retain aromas and flavours.

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

Age of vines: 6 - 11 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: The harvest dates were March – April 2013

in the cellar : Closure: Aluminium screw-cap with Saran/Tin liner

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Wood: matures in varying ages of 300L French Oak barrels for up to 12 months

