



Etienne, Christo and
Yvonne Le Riche

We are delighted to announce the return of the Le Riche wines. While known as South Africa's 'King of Cabernet', Etienne Le Riche remains a quiet, unassuming man, who crafts inspiring wines from Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. His career spans almost four decades, with 20 years as winemaker at Rustenberg before starting out on his own in 1996. From the outset, his grapes came from Stellenbosch's best vineyards in the Jonkershoek, Firgrove, Raithby Stellenbosch Mountain and Bottelary areas, from specific vineyard blocks where the terroir was best suited to his beloved Cabernet. He controls all aspects of vineyard management and is meticulous in his attention to detail. The perfect health of the grapes is the secret to his success.

Since we last featured his wines, things have moved on at Le Riche; Etienne now has his own purpose-built winery on the slopes of the Helderberg Mountain (his previous winery was a converted tractor shed!), and he is joined by his son, Christo. Production remains small and artisanal with just 8000 cases a year produced at this truly boutique and decidedly low-tech winery. The philosophy remains one of minimal intervention and plain hard work: during vinification Etienne and Christo manually punch down the cap of grape skins day and night. The wines spend just enough time in French oak barrels to produce a seamless integration of fresh fruit, restrained extraction and firm structure. Elegant and understated in style, these wines have much in common with the balance and poise found in top Margaux. Relatively closed in their youth, in time they blossom to a sumptuous and complex maturity.

'Etienne Le Riche ought to be a global superstar: his Cabernets are among South Africa's best.' - Tim Atkin.



**Le Riche 'Richesse' 2012,
Stellenbosch 14%**



Le Riche's only Bordeaux blend, this is designed to be approachable earlier and its youthful fruit makes it very food friendly. It is predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon (75%) with 15% Merlot and the remaining 10% consisting of Petit Verdot and Malbec. The grapes are vinified separately and after a year of ageing in old French oak barrels they are blended and matured for a further 8 months in oak before being bottled without fining.

An exceptional classic Bordelaise blend, this is restrained but appealing on the nose with typical red fruit aromas of plum and cherries balanced with a touch of oak. The palate is a masterpiece of blending with juicy mouth-filling flavours of red berries, plums, cassis, capsicum and smoky cedar hints balanced with a fine, soft tannic structure and rounded finish.

Food match: Pairs beautifully with casseroles and pot roast pork dishes.

Enjoy now to 2018

SL43786 Was £12.95

£11.95

**Le Riche Cabernet Sauvignon
2012, Stellenbosch 14%**



The backbone of the range, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is supple, elegant and rich with layers of fruit. Le Riche carefully selects the fruit from diverse terroirs, from the cool gravelly slopes facing False Bay to the rich red granitic soils around Stellenbosch, creating a complex and harmonious wine, truly expressive of the Stellenbosch terroir and Cabernet Sauvignon. Aged for 22 months in French oak barrels (20% new), it is a wine that can be enjoyed younger than the Reserve, but will mature over the next few years.

The bouquet shows forthcoming ripe cherry aromas with a spiciness and touch of mint. Ripe cassis and cherry notes come to the fore on the palate with soft, smooth and velvety tannins, balanced by a firm structure and lingering, succulent finish.

Food match: Delicious with the local Boerewors sausages or rich stews.

Enjoy now to 2018+

SL44061 Was £16.95

£15.95

**Le Riche Reserve Cabernet 2011,
Stellenbosch 14.5%**



The Reserve Cabernet is the pinnacle of the Le Riche range and is a World Class Cabernet. No effort is spared with rigorous vineyard selection, micro-vinification, extended skin contact after fermentation and new French oak all used to create the ultimate expression of the grape, terroir and what Le Riche is capable of. The grapes are hand selected from older, low-yielding vines and fermentation is done with a specially chosen yeast strain before the wine is matured in French oak barrels for 24 months. Accessible now, this has the underlying structure to promise even greater complexity with age.

Classic aromas of dark red fruit and ripe cherries are balanced by a touch of mint, cedar and cigar box. The palate is rich and succulent juicy cassis, smooth and supple tannins and a long finish. Perfect with beef, roast lamb or venison.

Enjoy now to 2021+

SL42565 Was £25.95

£24.95

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