

# Le Riche

STELLENBOSCH | SOUTH AFRICA



## Cabernet Sauvignon

2012

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<b>Origin:</b>	Stellenbosch				
<b>Wards:</b>	Jonkershoek, Firgrove, Raithby.				
<b>Blend:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon				
<b>Maturation:</b>	22 months in French oak barrels. 20 % new oak.				
<b>Viticulture:</b>	The grapes are selected from a variety of sites within Stellenbosch, ranging from the sandy gravel soils in the Firgrove and Raithby wards to the decomposed granite soils of the Jonkershoek valley and Bottelary wards. In essence it is a blend of Stellenbosch Cabernets showing the variety of terroirs to be found.				
<b>Winemaking:</b>	Five days fermentation in open tanks with temperature control and regular manual punch-downs and pump-overs. The malolactic fermentation occurred in lined concrete tanks after which the wine was transferred to 225L barrels				
<b>Tasting Notes:</b>	The bouquet shows forthcoming ripe cherries, fresh plums and mint. Hints of vanilla and cedar balance out the fruit. Soft, smooth tannins are balanced on the palate by a firm structure and juicy, succulent, long finish. Maturation potential 4-6 years.				
<b>Analysis:</b>	<table><tr><td>14.44 %</td><td>3.66</td><td>6.2 g/l</td><td>1.4 g/l (Dry)</td></tr></table>	14.44 %	3.66	6.2 g/l	1.4 g/l (Dry)
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### Accolades:

- Platter Guide – 4 stars
- Christian Eeds – 92
- Tim Atkin – 93

