

Le Riche Wines

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WO; Stellenbosch



Vintage Score best drinking

Chardonnay

RRR

	2008	86	2008-2013
2010: light gold, expressive nose and with a rich but delicate touch. Not overly heavy and needs time to settle.	2010	87	2011-2018
2012: vanilla oaky nose over ripe and rich tropical fruit, especially peach, yet to reveal all.	2012	91	2012-2022
2016: very pale despite oak, slightly muddy nose, full but imprecise.	2016	86	2016-2026
2017: firm and fresh and improving with air, needs two years to show full lemon and yellow fruits with lees cream support.	2017	88	2019-2027
2019: barrel sample shows a shy, promising fresh wine with some citrus and exotic fruit, a backbone of minerality and salt and needs time to reveal depth.	2019	90	2020-2028

Richesse Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot

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	2008	90	2009-2019
2010: brooding nose, classic Bordeaux notes, then slightly raw with youth but suggesting a fine future; sweet, rich fruit and careful oak.	2010	91	2011-2020
2011: inky hue with slightly rough and	2011	85	2011-2020

unsettled fruit. Big tannins and will improve.			
2013: soft mouthfeel, fruity with blue berry notes, nicely lingering.	2013	85	2013-2022
2014: supple and easy-going, with accessible blue fruits and full body.	2014	88	2015-2025
2015: overt plum nose, fruit driven but nicely balanced and restrained with blueberry freshness.	2015	88	2016-2026
2016: sweet textured smoky oak over dark fruited, slightly rustic and nicely unaffected berry medley.	2016	89	2017-2027
2017: stunning, a step up, lush and full, soft and full of plums and violets, staying agile and showing lace tannins. Irresistable.	2017	93	2019-2029
2018: cherry perfumed nose, lively and with juicy and with ripe juicy fruit, accessible and supple.	2018	89	2019-2028

Cabernet Sauvignon RRR

	2003	90	2004-2015
	2005	90	2007-2018
2009: beautiful nose, big, bold flavours and a wine that keeps unfolding in the mouth, delicious.	2009	93	2010-2022
2010: less minty than 2009 but still deep and rich with grippy tannins yet to melt. Long finish. At eight years it showed more complexity and quality.	2010	92	2011-2022
2011: mid depth, with firm grip, subdued fruit as yet, but always structured.	2011	88	2012-2022
2013: savoury and lush with edgy blue fruits and clean palate.	2013	85	2013-2023
2014: lighter style, with blackcurrant and firm structure, friendly, if short finished.	2014	88	2015-2027
2015: ruby depth, firm in youth, shy nose then delicate but intense dark fruit flavours, remaining elegant and cerebral throughout.	2015	88	2017-2029
2017: forward cassis nose then nimble and persistent deeply fruited harmony, nimble and not heavy but	2017	93	2019-2030

stylish and balanced, a classic.			
2018: lovely perfumed nose, clean and fresh with blue fruit notes, easy tannins and a dusty dry finish.	2018	90	2019-2029
2019: another more elegant, ephemeral style on a barrel sample, still layered silky fruit focus and perfumed lilac nose.	2019	91	2021-2030

Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve RRRR

	1997	86	1999-2012
	1999	90	2001-2013
	2001	89	2003-2012
	2003	89	2005-2014
	2004	90	2006-2017
	2005	95	2008-2020
	2007	92	2010-2022
	2008	93	2011-2024
2009: deep hue, dark, serious nose then a burst of fruit on the palate. Luscious, ripe cassis fruit, classic Cabernet with layers of complexity and minty throughout.	2009	94	2011-2024
2010: fruit forward more than usual, smooth and subtle with seamless fruit and tannins. Classy.	2010	92	2012-2024
2011: youthful shyness, deep serious fruit and slowly revealing layers which need time.	2011	90	2012-2023
2012: shy presently, with elegant, classy fruit, deep and rich finishing with delicacy.	2012	90	2014-2025
2014: not heavy, but with precise, complex cassis notes with oak tannin structure. Will improve.	2014	90	2016-2028
2015: deep ruby hue, closed at three years but with complex and serious dark fruit quality lurking. Elegance and complexity rather than brutish power.	2015	92	2017-2030
2016: mid weighted, with red fruits, herbs and currants and cassis, intense and distinguished yet remaining elegant and pure, a lovely wine.	2016	94	2019-2032

2017: barrel sample oozes dark berry fruit, sweet
and full and not overly tannic, great balance,
complexity and length. Will settle and improve score.

2017 92 2020-2032

CWG Auction Reserve

2011: delicate, layered nose, ripe cassis
and classic pencil lead, bold and long.

2011 92 2014-2025