Le Riche Cabernet Sauvignon, WO Stellenbosch 2022

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2022 Vintage

Le Riche

— Stellenbosch, South Africa

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A Stellenbosch classic from one of the Cape's star Cabernet producers. Expertly crafted from 4 specifically diverse terroirs, from the cool gravelly slopes facing False Bay to the rich red granitic soils around Stellenbosch. 2022 vintage 93 points in Tim Atkin's 2024 South Africa Report.

Production

Fruit is sourced from a variety of sites ranging from the sandy gravel soils of the Firgrove and Raithby ward to sandy/loamy granite soils of the Jonkershoek ward, all harvested by hand at optimal ripeness. Once harvested, the grapes are bunch sorted and pumped into open top fermenters. Here, Christo and the winemaking team vinify each vineyard block separately, allowing the unique characteristics and flavours of each block to develop. After a few months ageing, the final blend is made and the wine spends 12 months in French oak barriques, 25% new, before bottling.

Tasting note

A pure varietal nose with fine cassis and black cherry aromas and notes of violet and cedar spice. The palate is ripe and fruit forward with nice depth of fresh blackcurrant fruit and fresh acidity. Well-integrated oak and fine-grained tannins support the lengthy finish.

Food Match

Try with slow-cooked lamb shank or a rich and savoury beef or veggie stew.

ABV:
14.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Cork

Appellation:
Wo Stellenbosch

Grape Varieties:
Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

Suitable for:
Vegan

Bottle Barcode:
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