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# Le Riche Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 1997

Deep intense colour. Classical Cabernet and vanilla oak flavours on the nose. The palate shows fruit intensity with soft, supple yet solid tannins.

**variety :** Cabernet Sauvignon | Cabernet Sauvignon
**winery :** Le Riche Wines
**winemaker :** Etienne Le Riche
**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch
**analysis :** **alc :** 12.75 % vol **rs :** 1.7 g/l **pH :** 3.6 **ta :** 6.2 g/l
**pack :** Bottle **closure :** Cork

**ageing :** The intensity and complex structure of this top selection from the cellar suggests optimum maturity in 5 - 10 years from vintage.

**in the cellar :** Vineyards:
Southwest facing slopes. Decomposed Hutton type soil. Hedge type trellising system. Supplementary irrigation. Yield 10 t/ha. Blend of different clones.

Vinification:
Fermentation in open fermentors and then closed for maceration afterwards for 21 days in total. Maturation in oak barrels for 14 months (80%).

Awards:
Wine of the Months Club winner (Reserve category) - best out of 46 Cabernets.
Veritas Double Gold Award winner - 1998.
S.A. Airways Selection - First Class top ten.
John Platter Wine Guide - 5 star rating.