

Le Riche Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot 2009

Ripe red fruits underlined with nuances of plums and black berries are balanced with hints of oak on the nose. The aromas are carried through onto the pallet and further supported by a fine soft tannin structure with hints of herbaceous Cabernet showing on the finish.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot

winery : Le Riche Wines

winemaker : Etienne Le Riche

wine of origin : Stellenbosch, Jonkershoek

analysis : alc : 14.35 % vol rs : 1.9 g/l pH : 3.78 ta : 5.3 g/l

type : Red **style** : Dry

pack : Bottle **closure** : Cork

in the vineyard : A difficult vintage which was characterized by sporadic rainfall during harvest made for challenging winemaking. The timing of harvest was crucial to producing wines of superior quality.

about the harvest: Harvest dates:

Merlot: 17 February

Cabernet Sauvignon: 23 February

Cabernet franc: 24 February

Petit Verdot: 24 February

in the cellar : The wines were fermented separately in traditional open tanks with regular manual plunging. Blended after secondary fermentation and matured in French oak.

Maturation:

15 Months in 225 and 4500 litre, seasoned French oak barrels.

