

DEETLEFS ESTATE Red Wines**ZA0465R Stonecross Merlot Pinotage 2005, Western Cape 14% £5.99**

Flavoursome wine with robust bramble fruit flavours and savoury mocha notes. Medium-bodied with good intensity and structure and notes of plum fruit and ripe tannin on the finish. To 2009

**ZA0035R Stonecross Pinotage 2005, Western Cape 14.5% £6.25**

Lively vanilla and black cherry with notes of smoke, chocolate and spice. Very smooth in the mouth with cherry, liquorice and tar flavours tamed by vanilla oak and low acidity. Refined and generous, particularly compared with other Pinotage wines, this is an attractive easy-drinking style. Drink now to 2009

**ZA0485R Stonecross Shiraz 2005, Western Cape 13.5% £6.25**

Decidedly New World in style, with very ripe, black fruit and plum flavours, hints of pepper and spice and an attractive creamy mouthfeel. Supple and flavoursome, it is rich and almost sweet in the mouth with a warm, expansive finish. Drink now to 2010

**ZA0525R Deetlefs Estate Pinotage 2005, Breede River Valley 14.5% £8.99**

Fragrant red berry fruit aromas with a hint of menthol. Disarmingly soft and fruity in the mouth, sweetly fruited but underpinned by good structure and fine ripe tannins. Redcurrant, raspberry and cherry flavours with subtle vanilla oak in the background and a very long, aromatic finish. Enjoy now to 2010.

**ZA0432R Deetlefs Estate Shiraz 2002, Breede River Valley 13.5% £9.25**

Cool-climate style with aromas of white pepper, blackberry and exotic spices. Lifted bramble fruit flavours with integrated oak and gentle tannins. Excellent aromatic development that brings the flavours back again on the long finish, Medium-bodied, smooth, elegant and restrained and more reminiscent of a fine Cote Rotie than a New World blockbuster. Drink through to 2010

**SOUTH AFRICAN SAMPLER CASE**

*Discover a wonderful range of styles and flavours with our South African Sampler case. This case of 6 whites and 6 reds contains two bottles of each of the wines listed below, together with an exceptional discount of £12 – that's one pound off every bottle!*

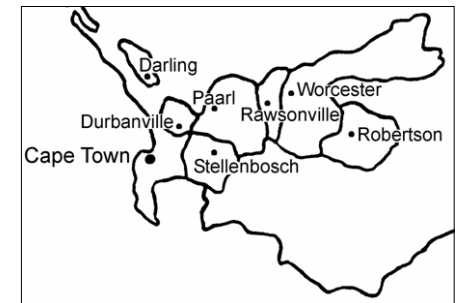
2 x ZA0546W	Withington Sauvignon Blanc 2006, Darling 11.5%	5.75
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2 x ZA0516W	Deetlefs Estate Semillon 2006, Breede River Valley 13%	7.75
2 x ZA0585R	Le Riche Leef op Hoop Merlot 2004, Stellenbosch 13.5%	7.50
2 x ZA0525R	Deetlefs Estate Pinotage 2005, Breede River Valley 14.5%	8.99
2 x ZA0552R	Withington Cabernet Sauvignon 2002, Stellenbosch 13.5%	9.99

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**SOUTH AFRICA – NEW RELEASES**

Last autumn we took delivery of some great new South African wines and though many were included in our annual wine list, we haven't really introduced the wines properly – until now. This offer features three of those high quality producers, Etienne Le Riche in Stellenbosch, Kobus Deetlefs in Rawsonville and Charles Withington, previously based in Paarl but recently moved to Darling. We will be bringing you more details on Mooiplaas and De Meye, two outstanding Stellenbosch estates, at a later date.



This introductory offer gives you the chance to try some great South African wines at advantageous prices. Select at least 12 bottles from any of the wines in the offer and save a tasty 10% on the listed prices. Alternatively, save even more with our Sampler case, discounted by a massive £12! Full details on back page.

CHARLES WITHINGTON, Darling

As I started writing this offer, Charles told me of his decision to move his base from the uncomfortable summer heat of Paarl to his new home in the relative cool of Darling. Though Paarl and Stellenbosch remain the heart of premium wine production in South Africa, he has great confidence in the up and coming region of Darling. His willingness to give up the mainstream in search of the new is characteristic of Charles, a man who is unwavering in his search for what is best, regardless of reputation and the opinion of others.



During his time as General Manager at Rustenberg (when Etienne Le Riche was winemaker) and then at Backsberg, he relentlessly sought to create wines that delivered what the consumer wanted. Then, after a number of years advising wine producers all over the Cape, in late 2005 he decided to start out on his own. Charles' aim is to source wines 'unfettered by winery or vineyard' to sell under the Withington label. His detailed knowledge enables him to work with producers to create the wine he wants, one that delivers quality and value for the consumer. And his first releases show his unerring ability to over-deliver on quality at all price points.

In addition to wine, Charles is also passionate about good food, which, incidentally, is why the picture is of him gathering mussels! As a result his wines can be enjoyed with a meal as well as on their own.

**ZA0546W Withington Sauv Blanc 2006, Darling 11.5% £5.75**

Darling is a new region to watch out for, particularly for Sauvignon Blanc. Cooling sea breezes from the Atlantic combined with a south-west facing aspect enable grapes to ripen without losing vital acidity. The result is a wine with an intensity and freshness that would not be out of place in New Zealand. Flavours of asparagus, nettles, passion fruit and guava wound round a vibrant, gooseberry core that lingers through the zesty finish. Drink to 2009

**ZA0536W Withington Chardonnay 2006, Paarl, 13.5% £5.50**

A pure Chardonnay from the cool slopes of the Drakenstein mountains. It spent four months on its lees in small French barrels to enhance flavour and complexity. There are lively aromas of pear and tropical fruits with hints of minerals and whitecurrant. Medium-bodied with creamy mouth-feel, subtle vanilla oak and a touch of grapefruit and spice on the finish. Enjoy through to 2010

**ZA0565R Withington Shiraz Cabernet 2005, Paarl 14% £5.99**

A blend of 65% Shiraz and 35% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Paardeberg region near Paarl. A proportion was aged in American and French oak barrels for a year to round out the flavours and add complexity. Bold, powerful style, fruit-driven with vibrant red berry flavours, pepper and liquorice and a touch of vanilla and sweet spice on the finish. A wine for good food. Drink to 2010

**ZA0552R Withington Cabernet Sauvignon 2002, Stellenbosch 13.5% £9.99**

Premium Stellenbosch grapes were fermented in traditional open tanks for five days with regular pumping over and the resulting wine aged in French oak barrels for 18 months. This is a serious, powerful wine with rich, ripe blackberry and plum fruit flavours and notes of vanilla and exotic spice. The supple, juicy tannins make it suitable for current drinking, but it has the structure and substance to age. Drink now to 2011

**ZA0473R Withington Merlot 2003, Paarl 14% £10.99**

The grapes for this stylish Merlot came from two separate vineyard blocks in the Paarl valley. Following hand sorting (triage) at the winery, the grapes were fermented for 14 days and the resulting wine aged for 15 months in a combination of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> fill French oak barrels. *'Attractive red fruit nose with ripe plum, vanilla and a hint of dark chocolate. Floral backing is mainly violet. Sweet fruited mouth with good depth and smooth flow. Well rounded, supple tannins.'* Dave Hughes Enjoy through to 2011

**ETIENNE LE RICHE, Stellenbosch**

Etienne Le Riche is arguably South Africa's leading red winemaker, yet he remains a quiet, unassuming man who crafts inspiring wines from Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. His career spans three decades, with almost 20 years as winemaker at Rustenberg before starting out on his own in 1996. From the outset he sourced his grapes from two vineyards in the Jonkershoek and Firgrove areas of Stellenbosch. Through his close, long term relationship with the owners, he controls all aspects of vineyard management and is meticulous in his attention to detail. The perfect health of the grapes is the secret to his success.

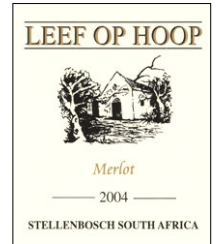


Etienne's winery is in fact a converted tractor shed opposite the family home on the beautifully situated Leef op Hoop farm ('Live in Hope' in Afrikaans). Production is small, just 5000 cases are made by Etienne and his single assistant. and decidedly low-tech. The philosophy is minimal intervention with close attention to detail. Open top fermenters are used and during vinification Etienne will regularly pop across from his house, even in the middle of the night, to manually punch down the cap of grape skins.

The wines spend just enough time in French oak barrels to produce a seamless integration of fresh fruit, restrained extraction and firm structure. There is a Bordeaux style to the wines, especially in their relatively closed youth, but in time they blossom to a sumptuous and complex maturity. A long string of awards attest to the quality of the wines and we are delighted to bring them to this country.

**ZA0585R 'Leef op Hoop' Merlot 2004, Stellenbosch 14% £7.50**

Leef op Hoop is the label for Etienne's second wines. The Merlot gives a real flavour of the estate at a lower price and is ready for drinking earlier. Already showing good complexity, this deep garnet coloured wine has spicy cassis and plum aromas with nuances of mocha and tobacco leaf. Medium bodied, it is a savoury, structured wine with pure fruit flavours, light tannins and notes of cedar, creamy vanilla, smoke, sweet liquorice and exotic spices. Drink to 2011

**DEETLEFS ESTATE, Rawsonville**

Kobus Deetlefs is the sixth generation to farm this family estate, established in 1822. It is situated on the eastern side of the Du Toitskloof mountains near the small town of Rawsonville. Until recently the area was part of the Breede River Valley wine region, but from the 2007 vintage has secured its own Wine of Origin. Kobus is a modest, thoughtful man who has devoted much time to characterise the soils and the unique dry, yet cool climate of Rawsonville. His efforts played a major part in area's upgrading. It was also no doubt helped by the Estate's increasing number of awards, culminating in the SAA Executive Trophy for the Best Winery in South Africa in 2006. This is no small achievement for a relatively unknown producer and a great credit to Kobus himself.

There are two wine ranges, Deetlefs Estate and Stonecross. The premium estate wines are made solely with grapes from the family vineyards. The Shiraz and Pinotage are most impressive, but Kobus' favourite is Semillon, a wine with focus and intensity, yet complex and balanced. The Stonecross range uses grapes brought in from the surrounding area to supplement the estate's production. Here the aim is for good value, fruit-driven wines with integrated acidity and soft tannins.

**White Wines****ZA0455W Stonecross Sauvignon Semillon 2005 12% £5.99**

Refined white Bordeaux style combining the freshness of Sauvignon with the body and intensity of Semillon. Close knit flavours of gooseberry, peach and citrus fruits that will develop over the coming year. Enjoy through to 2010

**ZA0046W Stonecross Chenin Chardonnay 2006 13.5% £5.99**

Intense aromas of lime, peach and apricot and mirrored on the palate with notes of apple and peach. The lively flavours are underpinned by a citrus freshness and hints of cream and vanilla oak, particularly on the lingering finish. Drink to 2010

**ZA0516W Deetlefs Estate Semillon 2006, Breede River Valley 13% £7.75**

The Estate's flagship white with pure, lime and citrus fruit aromas. Refined and focused in the mouth with passionfruit, whitecurrant and greengage flavours underpinned by steely acidity, herbaceous notes and excellent length. A thought provoking young wine that will improve to 2011.

**Rosé Wine****ZA0495P Stonecross Pinotage Rosé 2005, Western Cape 13% £5.99**

Inviting strawberry aromas with notes of black cherry and spice. Juicy red berry fruit flavours, particularly redcurrant and raspberry with fresh acidity. Dry, savoury style, though not too dry, with good structure and subtle spicy notes that linger on the finish. Will be good to 2009.

