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RICHARD CARSTENS JOINS LA PETITE FERME

La Petite Ferme has appointed acclaimed South African chef Richard Carstens as its new Head Chef. Joining the Franschhoek estate in March 2026, Carstens brings decades of fine dining experience and a modern French culinary philosophy rooted in seasonal, locally sourced ingredients. Formerly Chef Patron at Arkeste, he earned South Africa's highest Eat Out Three Star accolade in 2023. His career also includes

leadership roles at Tokara, Lynton Hall and Le Provençal. Founded in 1984, La Petite Ferme has grown into one of the Cape Winelands' premier luxury destinations, known for its boutique hotel, award-winning wines, and panoramic views of the Franschhoek Valley. Carstens' inaugural menu is paired with the estate's wines and inspired by the surrounding Winelands.

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