

ON A SHOPPING SPREE WITH *Richard and Oliver Davies*

These enterprising brothers' new home and entertaining stores are a reflection of their love of food, wine and design. Here's what's on their wish list...

When you consider that they grew up on a wine farm, and their family's background is in the furniture business, Richard and Oliver Davies' signature products simply make sense; their covetable Boutique Vineyards Trudeau cheese and baguette boards are made from recycled wine barrels.

Having started out small – “Oliver had just finished studying and made the first board on our parents' driveway,” recalls Richard – their products are now stocked in stores around SA. The brothers have expanded the range to include café-style furniture and decor smalls, and if that wasn't enough to keep them busy, last year they decided to branch out into retail.

They opened their first store at Jo'burg's trendy 44 Stanley Ave, and most recently another in Preller Square in Bloemfontein. Filled with “products that are useful for entertaining and will add style and beauty to any entertaining area”, you can expect to find a choice selection of ceramics, glassware, olive oils and, of course, their Boutique Vineyards Trudeau range.

At a friend's suggestion, they named their stores Vendange, a word they liked because of its food and wine link; it's the French term for grape harvest and signals the excitement of the annual vintage.

Not scared of hard work, Richard and

Oliver (based in Jo'burg and the Mother City, respectively) would “like to have a store in every major city in South Africa by the end of 2013” and even have their sights set on Oz and the UK, if all goes to plan.

WISH LIST

1 “Stylish and functional” is how the pair would sum up this Sagaform cheese grater, R249, from Vendange.

2 “I love flying,” enthuses Richard, “I think this aeroplane propeller made from salvaged wood, R7 995, from Weylandts, would make an interesting feature if I wall-mounted it in my lounge.”

3 As only 15 000 bottles are produced annually, Richard and Oliver think that the Morena Brut Rose Cap Classique is “phenomenal value for money and quite exclusive”. It's priced at R95 per bottle, which includes delivery direct from the farm when you order 12 or more bottles.

4 Richard and Oliver love this Maison roped doorstep, R330, from Karrin Hatfield, because “it's practical and, as it's made from solid wood, has a rustic feel”.

5 “It's a miniature version of the French ones, but is a tenth of the cost.” says Oliver of this 24-bottle champagne riddling rack, R750, from Tapenade.

6 The brothers like this 18-bottle champagne cooler, R18 000, from Avoova, because it has a “beautiful design with an African touch.” **GH**

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