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Raka Barrel Selected Merlot 2005



Veritas 2006 - Bronze
Michelangelo Awards 2006 - Gold Medal
Deep ruby colour. This wine shows hints of mint with cassis, red berries and cloves. Sweet violets and some smokiness follows through on the palate. The palate is full-bodied and well-balanced with ripe tannins and a smooth finish.



variety : Merlot | Merlot
winery : Raka Wines
winemaker : Tanya Rousseau
wine of origin : Coastal
analysis : alc : 14.83 % vol rs : 2.5 g/l pH : 3.52 ta : 5.6 g/l
type : Red style : Dry wooded
pack : Bottle

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in the vineyard : Wine-growing area: Western Cape, Kleinriver Ward

about the harvest: All grapes were hand picked and sorted twice before a pure yeast culture was inoculated.

in the cellar : The juice was pumped over the skins 3-5 times per day for 5 days. Once fermentation was complete, the wine was drained of the primary lees and transferred to a resting tank. Malolactic fermentation and a brief settling period preceded the wine to a combination of 225 liter barrels of French oak types. The wine spent between 12- 14 months is barrel before bottling and labeling.