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Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2007



Appearance: Deep ruby colour
Wine Style: Dry
Bouquet & Palate: This classic Merlot shows characters of red berries and cloves with a hint of mintiness. Forthcoming on the nose with sweet violets and spicy oak. The wine is elegant and smooth with supple tannins.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Raka Wines
winemaker : Josef Dreyer
wine of origin : Kleinriver
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 2.30 g/l **pH :** 3.6 **ta :** 5.60 g/l
type : White **style :** Dry **body :** Light **taste :** Fruity
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

Juliet Cullinan Wine Connoisseur's Awards Celebrated Collection
Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2009 - Bronze
Decanter World Wine Awards 2009 - Bronze
John Platter Wine Guide 2010 - 4 ½Stars
Veritas 2009 - Silver

ageing : It is ready to drink now, or within 5 years.

about the harvest: All grapes were hand picked and sorted twice before a pure yeast culture, B13, 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 litre barrels of French oak.