

## 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 ½ Stars

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.



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