

## Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2008

This classic Merlot shows good barrel intergration on the bouquet, characters of berries and spices like cloves and herbal tones. Forthcoming on the nose is spicy oak and red berries. The wine is elegant, smooth with good tannins and great balance .

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Raka Wines

**winemaker :** Josef Dreyer

**wine of origin :** Kleinriver

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol rs : 2.7 g/l pH : 3.7 ta : 5.3 g/l

**type :** White **style :** Dry **body :** Light **taste :** Fruity

**pack :** Bottle **closure :** Cork

Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2009: Gold

Michelangelo CCL International Wine Awards 2010: Silver

John Platter Wine Guide 2011: 4 Stars

Veritas 2010: 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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