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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.