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Raka Biography Shiraz 2008

Appearance: Clean ruby colour.
Bouquet and Palate: Spicy aromas with hints of chocolate, coffee and black fruit is forthcoming on the bouquet. These aromas follow through on a silky full bodied palate, with dried plum and pepper flavours. Complete structure and a full bodied wine with good balance between the tannins and acidity leaving a lingering after taste.

variety : Shiraz | 100% Shiraz
winery : Raka Wines
winemaker : Josef Dreyer
wine of origin : Kleinriver Ward
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 4.6 g/l **pH :** 3.65 **ta :** 5.3 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Herbaceous **wooded**
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

- International Wine & Spirits Competition 2011 - Silver
- Veritas Awards 2011 - Silver
- Top Ten Best Syrah du Monde® 2011 - Silver Medal
- Classic Wine Trophy: Red Wine Category 2011 - Gold
- Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2010 - Gold
- Veritas 2010 - Silver
- John Platter Wine Guide 2011 - 4½ Stars
- Tri-Nations Wine Competition 2010 - Gold

about the harvest: All grapes were hand picked and sorted twice.

in the cellar :
All grapes were handpicked and sorted twice before a pure yeast culture was inoculated. The juice was pumped over the skins 3 - 5 times per day for 5 days. Once fermentation was complete, the wine was drained off the primary lees and transferred to a resting tank. Malolactic fermentation and a brief settling period preceded the transfer of the wine to a combination of 225 litre barrels of French (85%) and American (15%) oak types for 12 months