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Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2009

The Merlot 2009 is a selection of the ten best barrels of Merlot produced in that year. On the nose this wine is an explosion of dark fruit - prunes and blackberries with a slight caramelized sweetness. These flavours are repeated on the palate with some smoky tones complemented by well integrated oak. Lingering finish.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Raka Wines
winemaker : Josef Dreyer
wine of origin : Kleinriver Ward
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 2.3 g/l **pH :** 3.49 **ta :** 5.7 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry
pack : Bottle **closure :** Cork

Michelangelo International Wine Awards 2009 Gold
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.

