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Kleine Draken Merlot 2011

Colour: Ruby red colour.
Nose: Red fruit on the nose.
Palate: Smooth easy drinking. Slightly wooded and well balanced.

Red meat dishes, pasta or on its own.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Zandwijk
winemaker : Jean van Rooyen
wine of origin : Paarl
analysis : **alc :** 13.76 % vol **rs :** 1.6 g/l **pH :** 3.59 **ta :** 5.6 g/l **fso2 :** 29 mg/l
type : Red **style :** Very Dry **taste :** Fruity **wooded** **kosher**
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

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in the vineyard : Irrigation: Overhead
Trellis System: Extended Perold
Soil: Decomposed Granite
Climate: Hot dry summers & heavy winter rains

about the harvest: Type: Hand-picked
Date: 2 March 2011
Yield: 10 tons/ha

in the cellar : After destalking and crushing the mash was flash pasteurized to 85°C and then re-cooled to 24°C. The mash was then inoculated with a selected yeast strain. At about 2° Balling the mash was pressed and French oak staves was added. After maturation the wine was lightly filtered before bottling in May 2011.