

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.

