

## Kleine Draken Merlot 2013

Smooth easy drinking. Slightly wooded and well balanced. Red fruit on the nose.

Red meat dishes, pasta or on its own.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Zandwijk

**winemaker :** Jean van Rooyen

**wine of origin :** Paarl

**analysis :** alc : 14.08 % vol    rs : 1.0 g/l    pH : 3.56    ta : 5.7 g/l

**type :** Red    **style :** Dry    **body :** Medium    **taste :** Fruity

**pack :** 0    **size :** 0    **closure :** 0

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**in the vineyard :** Cultivar: Merlot 100%

Region: Paarl

Irrigation: Overhead

Trellis System: Extended Perold

Soil: Decomposed Granite

Climate: Hot dry summers & heavy winter rains

**about the harvest:** Type: Hand picked

Date: 7 February 2013

Yield: 9 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. French oak was used for 7 months. After maturation the wine was lightly filtered before bottling.

