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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

2015 Ultra Wine Challenge - Silver

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.

