

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.

