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Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2013

Rich, round and restrained with succulent black fruit elegance and integrated with structure that mingles harmoniously with light oak



variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Raka Wines
winemaker : Josef Dreyer
wine of origin : Klein River
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 2.3 g/l **pH :** 3.62 **ta :** 5.3 g/l
type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**
pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

about the harvest: All grapes were hand picked.

in the cellar : The grapes were sorted twice before a pure yeast culture, B13, was inoculated The juice was pumped over the skins 3 - 5 times per day for 5 days. Once fermentation was complete, the wine was drained of the primary lees and transferred to a resting tank. Malolactic fermentation and a brief settling period preceded the wine to a combination of 225 litre barrels of French oak.