

## Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2014

On the nose this wine is an explosion of dark fruit - prunes and blackberries with a slight caramelized sweetness. These flavors are repeated on the palate with some smoky tones complimented by well integrated oak. Lingering finish.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Raka Wines

**winemaker :** Josef Dreyer

**wine of origin :** Klein River

**analysis :** alc : 14.0 % vol   rs : 2.6 g/l   pH : 3.56   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.



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